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by Jo White Linn and B. R. McBride

filed:  
"Heirs of Philip A.  
no names"

ALSTON, Philip of Cumberland County. The Committee of Claims recommended rejection of a resolution in favor of the heirs of Philip ALSTON for the award of military lands as a result of his military services during the American Revolution. They affirm that Philip ALSTON was appointed Second Major in the North Carolina Militia in 1776, and, on 23 May 1781, he was commissioned a Colonel by Governor Abner NASH with authority to raise an independent partizan corps of Horse and foot soldiers out of the counties of Cumberland, Wake and Chathan, not to exceed 100 men. He was further authorized to nominate such officers as he judged proper but not to enlist any men drafted at that time for public service. Depositions from a Mr. HARDEN and a Mr. DOWD state that they heard of Colonel ALSTON being taken prisoner at the Battle of Brier Creek in the State of Georgia and being put on board a British prison ship for a considerable time. Mr. HARDEN recollects that Colonel ALSTON finally escaped by swimming to land making his way home, only to be taken prisoner at a later time when the Tory leader FANNIN attacked his residence. Certificates from a Mr. RAGLAND and a Mr. McBRIDE supported the previous depositions, and a letter directed to Colonel ALSTON on board a prison ship was entered as further evidence of the truth of his active military participation. The Committee concluded, however, that the Law of 1782 for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the Revolution only provided for those serving in the Continental line and had no provisions for those serving in the Militia. The Committee had no evidence that Colonel ALSTON ever served in the Continental line and recommended rejection of the resolution. In Senate, 7 Dec 1833. (L.P.489)

AMYET, Vincent. Petitioners Amos AMYET, John AMYET, and Darcus AMYET claim that their father, Vincent AMYET (deceased), served for 18 months as a soldier under Captain COLEMAN, an officer in the Continental line of North Carolina. Their father died soon after the War ended but never received a reward for his services. A request for such compensation as their father was entitled was rejected by the Committee after duly examining the evidence. Read and concurred with on 6-7 Dec 1805 by House and Senate. (L.P.212)

BARROW, John. Petitioner prays that a land warrant be granted him as a result of his military services during the Revolutionary War. He served for two and one-half years in the "First Continental Regiment of the North Carolina Brigade under command of Col. Thomas CLARK" but had lost his discharge papers. He applied to William SLADE and Col. Hardy MURFREE for a certificate to verify his military service, and, after receiving it, requested the Secretary of State to issue a land warrant on the basis of this information. However, to "his great surprise was informed that his name was not on the Muster Role, in consequence of which he (the Secretary) did not issue the warrant and referred to the Committee of Claims for their consideration."

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## Queries, continued:

✓ 77 - 109 **ALSTON, MARSHALL, KENNON** - An 1830 Perry Co., Tenn., record shows that James Alston of Perry County sold land on White Oak Creek in Humphreys County, Tenn. formerly owned by John Alston, Jr., deceased, who bought the land in 1809 and died a year or so later. John Alston, Jr., left a widow, formerly Elizabeth Kennon, and five children. Who were the other four children? What became of the widow, and who were her parents? He was the son of John Alston, Sr., of Wake and Orange Cos., N. C., who died in 1814. Who was the wife of John Sr.? Would like to contact other descendants of this line. Also need proof that the James Alston who lived in Perry County in the 1830's until he sold his land c1841-2 is the James Alston who lived in adjacent Benton County from 1843 until his death in April 1848. Have been unable to find record of his marriage to Rebecca Marshall c1830, probably in Perry County. Who were her parents?

Mrs. W. J. Zeboski, 4538 Juno Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

77 - 110 **BECKHAM** - Zachariah (Jack) Beckham was born in North Carolina in 1800. He moved to Houston, Tenn., after his first marriage and then settled on a place near Waynesboro, Wayne Co., Tenn., known thereafter as "The Beckham Hollow". He was married three times with a total of 21 children. His third wife's name was Mary McMillan or McMullen. I need to know the names of his first and second wives, especially his second wife. Her last name was possibly Evans. Also did he have any brothers and sisters. His father's name was William.  
Glenda Belt, Rt. 2, Box 108, Mansfield, Texas 76063.

77 - 111 **HUNTER** - Need parents James F. (Francis?) Hunter, born 1826 Tenn., probably Henderson County, married Avaline Miller 1846, probably McNairy County; bros. Malcom, Daniel, John. Believe father to be Daniel Hunter in 1830 Henderson County census, earlier Roane Co., Tenn., born Va., son of Malcom Hunter, Revolutionary War soldier found in Bledsoe and Anderson Cos., Tenn., after 1800, and Montgomery and Botetourt Co., Va., earlier. Served in Va. militia. Will answer any information I have available to those writing.  
William H. Hunter, Jr., 1604 S. W. 69th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159.

77 - 112 **JACKSON** - Need the parents of Angeline Jackson, born about 1821 in Tenn., married about 1844 to John W. Shaver. Children: Josiah, born 1845, Kiziah (Kitty), John Mitchell, Mary, Artimis, born about 1859. This family is on the 1850 and 1860 Humphreys County, Tenn., census.  
Wanda Richardson, P. O. Box 310, Ridgely, Tenn., 38080.

77 - 113 **SHAVER** - Would like to know if John W. Shaver, born about 1831 in Tenn., is the son of Michael Shaver, born about 1797 in Virginia, and his wife Delila \_\_\_\_\_? Can anyone prove who John's parents were?  
Wanda Richardson, P. O. Box 310, Ridgely, Tenn., 38080.

77 - 114 **JACKSON** - Would like to know who Susan Jackson's husband was. She is listed as head of the house on the 1860 Humphreys County, Tenn., census, age 56. Several Shavers are living with her.  
Wanda Richardson, P. O. Box 310, Ridgely, Tenn. 38080.

77 - 115 **SISCO, SHARP, FRALEY** - Seeking information on John Fraley, born about 1815, married Frances \_\_\_\_\_. They had a daughter, Mary Jane, who married John V. Sharp. Need parents of John V. Sharp, born about 1836. Also need information on Mary Sharp, born 1848, who married John T. Sisco. All lived in Perry County at the time of their deaths.  
Mrs. Glovina (Sharp) Calhoun, Route 2, Marlow, Oklahoma 73055.



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Nov 13, 1824

To my Judge Justice  
of the Superior Court or Justice  
of the Peace, or Minister of the  
 Gospel to celebrate & reading these  
 laws to authorize you to join together  
 in the Holy state of Matrimony  
 Mr Wm Alston to Miss Mary  
 Lee your lawful license

I do certify the above was  
 duly executed by me  
 this 13th November 1824  
 William Blair J. P. C.

Unrecorded Marriage license  
found in loose documents.

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The following account of the various owners and occupants of this old plantation is a true and accurate collection of facts derived solely from contemporary records, and is believed to be as complete as is possible to make it at this late date. All known sources of information have been carefully searched, and nothing pertinent has been omitted. Much of this has never before been used, and some of it is in conflict with popularly circulated stories. Herein the records speak for themselves.

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A Brief List of Successive Owners.

Date	Instrument	Grantor	Grantee	Acres
1747, Oct. 1	Grant	George III	Edward Griffith	7654
?	Deed	Edward Griffith	Gabriel Johnston	7654
1761, May 16	Will	Gabriel Johnston	Sam'l & John Johnston	7654
1763, June 7	$\frac{1}{2}$ interest	Samuel Johnston	George Blair	7654
1772, Oct 15	Deed	Blair & Johnston	Phil Alston	4000
1790, ?	Deed	Phil Alston & wife	Thomas H. Perkins	2500
1798, ?	Deed	Thomas H. Perkins	Benjamin Williams	2500
1814, July 20,	Will	Benjamin Williams	Elizabeth Williams	?
1817, Nov. 24	Will	Elizabeth Williams	Benjamin William Williams	?
1828, Feb. 8	Will	Benj. Wm. Williams	Benjamin Charles Williams	?
1829, July 15	Dower	Est. Benj. Wm. Williams	Mary McBryde Williams	1613
		[Mary McBryde Williams married, 2nd, Dr. Charles Chalmers.]		
1853, Oct. 1	Deed	Chas. C. & Mary Chalmers	John A. Moon, A. W. Avery and eight other persons	1260
	[This was a syndicate set up to exploit the coal and other minerals known to underlie the property.]			
1874, Oct. 6	Deeds	A. W. Avery, et als.	Anderson Jones	1260
1905, Nov. 28	Will	Anderson Jones	John R. Jones, et als	1260
1910, Dec. 15	Deed	J. R. Jones, et als.	H. L. Farley	1260
1914, May 4	Deed	H. L. & Linda Farley	George Willcox	1260
1919, Feb. 21	Deed	George Willcox	Fred L. Willcox	1267
1919, July 31	Deed	Fred L. Willcox	John Willcox	1267
1946, Jan. 22	Deed	John Willcox	R. G. Hancock	745
	Deed	R. G. Hancock		

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The grant from George III to Edward Griffith, issued October 1, 1747,<sup>1</sup> describes the plantation in four separate but adjoining tracts, as follows:

<sup>1</sup> R. C. Land Grant Office, Raleigh, N. C.

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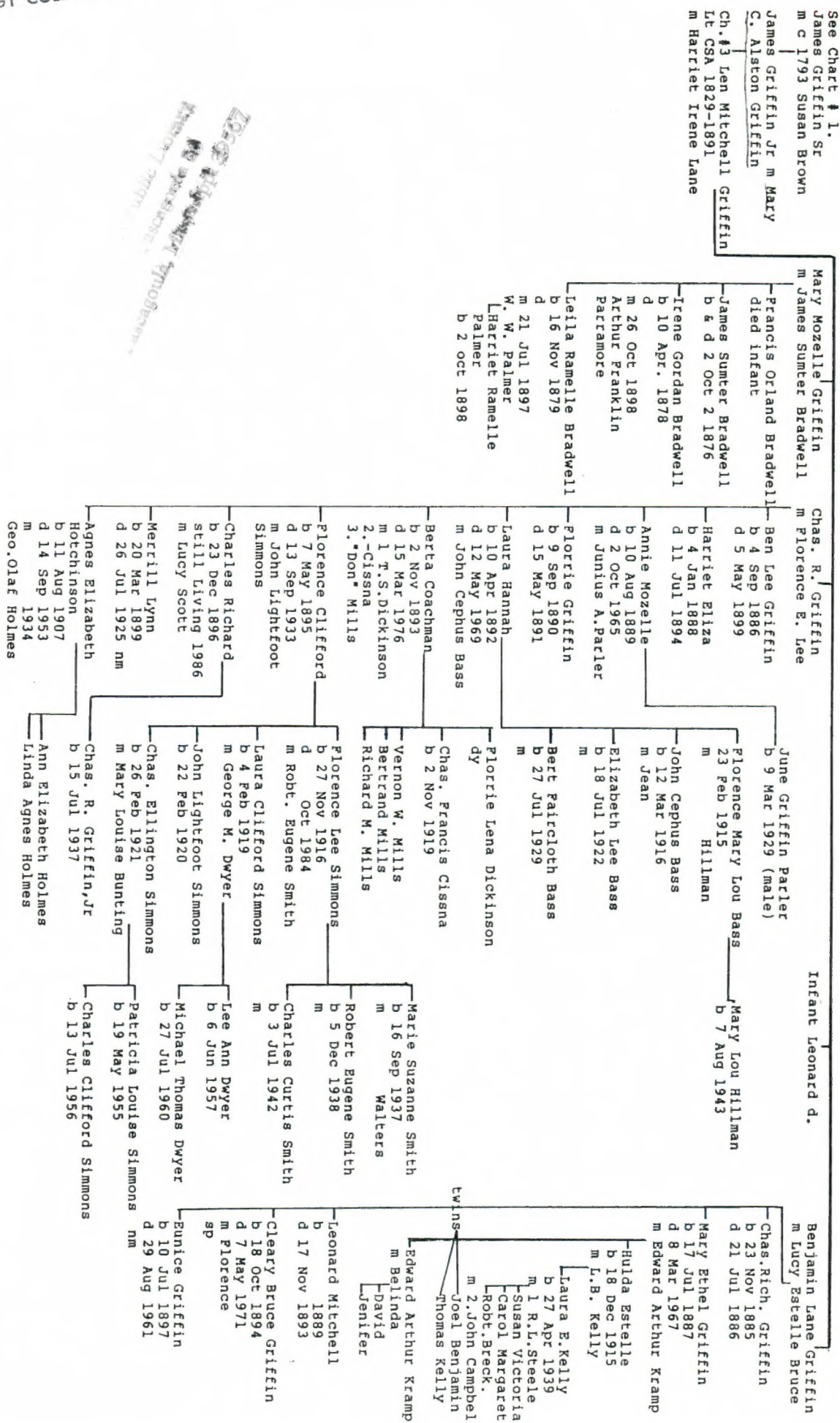
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Mary Ann Eliz.	James Crawford	John Larson
b 1851	b 1852	b
d	d	d
m 20 May 1869	m 9 Feb 1898	m 5 Feb 1884
John, Emily Lassiter	Bonnie Donaldson	Rossie McCort



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PHILLIP ALSTON, COL. NC MILITIA, Bc1740 D 26 Oct 1791 WASHINGTON CO GA MARRIED c 1762 TEMPERANCE SMITH, D/O DREW SMITH, HALIFAX CO NC



NOTE: The information on the descendants of James Alston and Mary Wilcox was obtained in part from A WILCOX FAMILY HISTORY 1689-1977 by Martha S. Alberson, 2699 Regency Dr. W. Atlanta, Ga. 30084, and Mrs. Olivia Mason, Ft. Worth, Tx. Phillip Alston & Ann Ramsey furnished by Mrs. Cragon Austin, Tx

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## ABSTRACT OF WILLS.

(Executed and probated prior to 1760. Compiled from the originals in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, N. C. The later date indicates the day of probate. Alphabetically arranged for the convenience of the reader.)

\* Alston, John. February 20, 1755; December 2, 1758. Sons Solomon, William, and Phillip, daughter Mary Seward, daughter Elizabeth Williams, daughter Sarah Kearney, daughter Charity Dawson, wife Mary, grandson John Alston son of Solomon, Elizabeth daughter of W. M. Alston, granddaughter Pattie daughter of Joseph John Alston, grandson William son of Phillip Alston, John Alston son of James, son James. Test, Seasbrook Wilson, Thomas Byrd, Joseph Parker.

Allen, Hugh, Chowan. July 5, 1752. Wife Elizabeth, sons Joshua and John, daughters Elce, Mary and Sarah; wife and her brother Joshua Spivey executors. Test, Richard Bond, Richard Stallings, James Bond.

Arnold, Joseph, Perquimans. November 30, 1751. Daughter Mary; brothers Lawrence Arnold and William Arnold executors.

Adams, Margaret, Newbern. July, 1765. Bernard Parkinson, whom I also appoint executor. Test, Mary Hawks, Ambrose Bayley, Perigan Cox.

Allen, Eleazer, New Hanover. January 1, 1742. Wife, nephews

\* NOTE.—John Alston first appears in Chowan Precinct in 1714. He probably came with his wife from Surry County, Va. His son Solomon was of age in 1727; he is found conveying real estate at that time. John Alston settled at or near Gatesville in Gates County, it being at the time a part of Chowan. Son Phillip married Winnefred Whitmell, daughter of Thomas Whitmell and wife Elizabeth Hunter Bryan, daughter of Lewis Bryan and wife Elizabeth Hunter of Bertie County, N. C. Daughter Mary married first Henry Guston of Edgecombe; second, William Seward of Isle of Wight County, Va. Daughter Elizabeth married William Williams, who lived in Martin County. Daughter Sarah married Phillip Kearney. Charity Alston married John Dawson. Wife Mary was Mary Clark before her marriage. Solomon Alston married Ann Hinton, daughter of Col. John Hinton. James Alston married ——— Chaney, related to Ruth Chaney, who married ——— Baker. Our readers can possibly complete the record by furnishing names of their husbands or wives. We would be glad to have the information. (Chowan.)

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h, now with'ring on the ground;  
ig another race supplies,  
re and successive fall;  
heir course decay,  
hen those are passed away."

—Pope's Translation Homer's Iliad.



Md., Grace Meers wife of Elisha Meers, Grace being the daughter of Stephen Walton of Accomack County, Va., wife Priscilla daughter of Jacob Van Pelt in Craven County, N. C.; friends Joseph Parker and Gilbert Ker, brother-in-law John Van Pelt,\* Jacob Van Pelt, wife, and Gilbert Ker executors. Test, Anthony Van Pelt, Frederick Gible, Ann Gible.

Anderson, Joseph, Perquimans. 23d, 7th month, 1751; October Court, 1751. Daughter Elizabeth, child *in esse*; wife and Zachariah Nixon executors. Test, Silvanus Henbe, Samuel Anderson.

Arthur, John, Chowan. May 29, 1735; October Court, 1735. William Falaw, Jacob Privit, John Hanah; Thomas and Constant Lutten executors. Test, William Goldsberry, Humphrey Webb, Edward Howcutt.

Adams, Abraham, Sr. October 3, 1733; March 13, 1733-34. Sons Abram, Richard, Willowby, and William, daughter Abia; wife Bathia executrix. Test, Phillip Shute, Mary Shute, John Collison. Arenton, William, Craven. Wife Mary, children Rebecca, Mary, and Leah; Henry Sheppard executor. January 23, 1761. Test, Edmund Hatch, Martin Sheppard.

Albertson, Nathaniel. February 13, 1752; January Court, 1752-53. Sons Joshua and William, William's grandfather Samuel Nicholson, daughter Hannah, grandsons Benj. and Chalkley Albertson, sons of William, daughter Elizabeth Newby, son Aaron, daughter Lydia Trueblood; sons Joshua, William, and Aaron executors. Test, Joshua Perisho, James Henbe, Mary Morris.

Avent, Thomas, Northampton. April 15, 1751; February Court, 1752. Brother William Avent, wife Volla, my children. Test, Richard Moore, John Davis.

Avery, John, Hyde. October 27, 1740. Wife Jane, Martha Smith, Agnes Slade wife of Ebenezer Slade, Thomas, William and Samuel Smith, sons of John Smith, Sr., Lydia Russell wife of Benj. Russell, Elizabeth Smith widow, Elizabeth Smith daughter of John, Dorcas Smith daughter of John, Dorcas Worldly, John Smith son of John, Sr., James Avery, Gilbert McNary, cousin Kezia Hadley, Elizabeth Collins daughter of Uriah Collins, Foster Jervis, John Smith son of William, Lydia Cartwright; James Avery of Virginia, Jno. Smith, Sr., and Jr., and Foster Jervis executors. Test, Uriah Collins, William Silvester, William Giddens.

Arrington, William, Northampton. July 11, 1750; February Court, 1752. Sons Briggs and William, James Ross son of Sarah, friend Nathan Williams, Elizabeth Riggins daughter of Daniel; Col. John Dawson and Nathan Williams executors. Test, Henry Dawson, John Pitman, John Brock.

Allen, Sarah, widow of Eleazer, Wilmington. Thomas Frank-

\* NOTE.—Were John, Jacob, and Anthony Van Pelt related to Capt. John Van Pelt of Bertie County? The latter settled there about 1720, coming into the Colony from New York.

land of South Carolina, niece Mrs. Sarah Frankland, niece Mrs. Mary Jane Dry, my nieces daughters of my sister Moore, viz. Mrs. Sarah Smith of Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Harlison of the same place, and Mrs. Anna Swan of Cape Fear, my grandnieces Miss Mary Frankland and Harriet Frankland, my grandniece Miss Rebecca Dry, grandniece Miss Susanna Hassell, grandniece Mary Hassell, Mrs. De Rossett, Sr., friend William Dry, James Murray; William Dry and Henry Hyrne executors; in case of death of either, Fredk Jones to be substituted and next Benj. Hyrne. William Bumpfield executor of that part of my estate in South Carolina. January 5, 1761; April 1, 1761. Test, George Moore, Elizabeth De Rossett, James Colson.

Arnold, John, Perquimans. April 11, 1735; July 1, 1735. Wife Elizabeth, son John, child *in esse*, daughters Elizabeth and Sarah; wife and Samuel Parsons executors. Test, James Gibson, William Arnell.

\* Alston, Joseph John, Halifax. January 5, 1780; August Term, 1781. Sons John and Phillip, daughter Patie Merony, son William, son Willis, grandsons John, Joseph and William, sons of William, grandson Joseph John, son of William, his brother William, son Henry, daughter Mary Palmer, John Cooper, daughter Uphan Wilson Cooper, son Joseph John, grandson Joseph John Alston son of John, grandson John Alston son of Phillip, sons John, Phillip, William, Willis, and Henry, daughters Pattie and Euphen Wilson Cooper, Wesley Jones, Solomon Williams, William Alston son of Phillip, James Alston; John Jones and son Joseph John Alston executors. Test, Robert Green, John Green, Wiley Green.

Bond Vinyard, Beaufort. March 5, 1762; November 5, 1762. Wife Sarah, son Sweating, daughter Sarah, sisters Sarah, Mary, and Margaret; wife and her brother John Caruthers executors. Test, Wm. Peyton, Wm. Trippie, Henry Lacy, Thos. Lea.

Benbow, Gershon, Bladen. January 12, 1751. Sons Powell, Richard, and Evans, daughter Susanna; son Powell and brother Charles Benbow executors. Test, Abraham Sanders, Richard May, John Jones.

Bateman, Jonathan. January 27, 1694-95. Wife Elizabeth, children Jonathan, John, Thomas and Mary; son Jonathan executor. Test, Thos. Hassold, John Twigger, Diana White.

Beveret, Benjamin, New Hanover. October 25, 1749; August 24, 1753. Son Benjamin, wife and four children; Henry Carter and Thos. Kennan executors. Test, Hugh McCane, William Savage. Brown, Jonas, Northampton. January 25, 1741; August Court, 1743. Godson Jonas Brown son of brother William, wife Eveith, whom I appoint my executors. Test, W. Boddie, Mary Boddie. Browne, Walter, Bertie. October 17, 1735; February Court, 1735-36. Son Josiah, cousin Jane Drake, wife Mary, land south of Cata-



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Rich County, North Carolina Court Minutes. 1798-1804.

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November 13, 1798

The last will & testament of Jas. Rodman deceased  
submitted in open Court by Archibald Hunter one of the  
executors thereof, read and proved to the satisfaction of

Philip Abbot and John T. Hatcher, two of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto, and at the same time Executors  
of said will made bond.

May 4, 1803

William Tidwell has leave to turn the road on the line  
between him and John Abbot at the place called the  
Whitford Place.

Halifax County Court Minutes

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James Abbot Jr came into Court and shown Plaintiff

James W. Gordon Defendant - William Pollock and

John Gaddy 2,500 £.

Read to William Abbot to Frederick Rains proved to satisfaction  
of William Hays.

William Abbot a justice of the Court

May 17, 1815 Sunday

James Jr August Court included James John Abbot



11.17.

Justice to take out of Lythall's farm year 1785  
in the Alton's. Copy. Shetland # 5115

August 15, 1785

Justice for Superior Court in October included  
William Alton, Robert Cotton and Joseph John Williams

November 21, 1785

Joseph John Alton one of the Executors named in the  
will of Joseph John Alton deceased took oath as  
Executor.

William Backdale as William Alton

Some papers for February Court 1786 were in William Backdale  
and James John Alton

Deed from William Alton to William Sullivan was  
returned and proved by John Sullivan

February 26, 1786

Deed from William Alton to James C. Williams acknowledged

May 15, 1786

Indemnity accounts of William Alton nephew of John  
Alton deceased

Richard Karmy and William Alton justices

William Alton appointed to take out of Lythall's in  
Shetland # 5113

(2)

Deed that William Backdale of Lythall's farm to  
John Alton to be out of Lythall's farm

November 20, 1786

Deed from Willie Alston to Rose Harney exhibited and acknowledged.

Deed from Willie Alston to Henry Dawson exhibited in open Court

Summons that a commission that John Alston was directed to a justice of the Court of Burke County to take inquiry and private examination of Libby Alston wife of James Alston re relinquishing of certain lands

North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register by J. R. B. Hathaway - January 1900

Shafter's Precinct, Chocoma precinct, Chocoma County

John Alston - Book III, page 81, 1711

270 acres on north west side of Bennetts Creek

Book III, page 82, 1721 - 265 acres on north west side of Bennetts Creek.

Book III, page 127, 3-26-1723 - 292 acres on Bennetts Creek adjoining Colonel Thomas' Harney.

Book III, page 137, 200 acres on Bennetts Creek 3-26-1723.

Book III, page 81, 1711. 270 acres on north west side of Bennetts Creek

Book V, page 219, April 11, 1745. 400 acres on Saram Creek and Troy Swamp

Assign John Alston

Book II, page 63, - 11-1745. 400 acres on Saram Creek and Troy Swamp



## Halifax County North Carolina Court Minutes

Alston

(1784-1787) (1796-1802) (1822-1824)

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Nov. 15, 1784

Willis Aulston. Inventory of estate of Joseph John Alston by  
 Executor ordered registered.

Ordered that John ~~and~~ Willis Alston, Charles Lusk or any three  
 of them divide the estate of Thomas Jackson.

John Hawkins one of the Executors nominated in the will of  
 John Alston came in and qualified according to law

Jurors next Court - Joab Cotton, William Bryant, Joseph Carter,  
 William Barron, Albinton Jones.

February 21, 1785

Henry Montfort garnishee on a f. fa. as the suit of Willis  
 Alston vs Willis Cooper.

## NOTES

South Carolina, whence they made the perilous journey, by water, to "New Spain", landing near the mouth of Cole's Creek, in which neighborhood they took up residence. Soon they were holding religious meetings in the private dwellings, public Protestant services being unlawful in that Catholic country. Neighbours soon joined and among the converts were Stephen de Alva, a Spaniard, and William Hamberlin who became ardent co-workers with Richard Curtis. This conversion of a Spaniard followed by Curtis performing the marriage ceremony uniting David Greenleaf and a daughter of John Jones, a rite heretofore performed only by a priest, led to the expulsion of the three men from the country. Threatened with being arrested and sent to work in the silver mines in Mexico, they made their escape in August 1795, going to South Carolina. There they lived until the evacuation of the territory by the Spaniards in March 1798. On learning this good news the three men immediately return to join their families after a separation of nearly three years. (Miss. Bpts. 7,8,9,176-182)

DEVALL. Richard Devall came to British West Florida about 1776 with a party of young men from Liverpool. He settled in the Natchez Country, acquiring much land between Little Gulf and the mouth of Cole's Creek. He was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth, was living 26 Oct. 1786. By her he had two sons. Before 1800, he married Edith, daughter of Elnathan Smith (q.v.) and widow of John Buhler, of Baton Rouge. Moving to Baton Rouge, he became a large landholder there, the central part of the city being, at one time, called "Devall Town". He died in 1823. His widow died Feb. 26, 1826. By this 2nd marriage there were 6 sons and 2 daughters. (Natchez Rec.; La. 29-289)

DICKSON. Gen. David Dickson, from Georgia. (Cl. 357)

DINSMORE. Silas Dinsmore, a surveyor and U.S. Agent to Choctaw Indians, was from New Hampshire. His homely humor made him many friends. (Sydnor 54-55,125)

DIXON. Roger Dixon, son of Roger and Lucy (Rootes) Dixon, b. 1763 in Fredericksburg, Va., d. 2 July 1833 in Fayette [Jefferson] Co., Miss; came to the Natchez District in the 1790's; m. Mildred \_\_\_\_\_, who d. in Fayette [Jefferson] Co., Miss. 30 Dec. 1849. Nine ch: Thos. (1795-1855), Philip, William, Robert, Lucy, Eliza, Priscilla, Mary and Nancy. (Va. 19-286)

GIBSON. Gideon Gibson, born in England, came to America with his mother, his step-father, Geo. Saunders, and his four brothers, Jordan, David, Stephen and Roger. He married in Virginia; came down to the Natchez District, [apparently during the Spanish regime,] and lived on St. Catherine's Creek. They had six daughters and three sons: Sarah, 2nd wife of John Foster, and m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Ferguson, Elizabeth m. Daniel Whitaker, Edna m. John Bullen, Mary m. Joseph Harrison, Rachel m. John Foster, his 1st wife, Cynthia m. G. Holstein, David, b. 1761, m. (1) Frances McKinley, (2) Mary (Smith) Mundell, [(3) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (1783-1861)], Randal, b. 1766, m. Harriet McKinley, Reuben m. Mildred Dolan. (This material compiled by the dau. of Tobias Gibson, son of Randal Gibson, furnished by Mrs. Hugh Rush, who had it from Mrs. Mary F. H. Rodes, of Lexington, Ky., also a desc. of Randal Gibson.) Tobias Gibson, the Methodist minister, died unmarried in Claiborne Co., Miss. in 1804. He was the son of Jordan and Mary (Middleton) Gibson, of Darlington Dist., S. C. Jordan was the brother of Gideon Gibson, above. His children were Tobias, Nathaniel, Stephen, John, Malachi and one daughter, Rhoda, all of whom came to the Mississippi Territory.

GILBERT. John Gilbert married Elizabeth, daughter of Philip and Mildred (McCoy) Alston. (See ALSTON) State of Tennessee, Mero District. (Nashville) Court of Equity. May Term 1809. John Howard, admr. vs. Alexander M. Gilbert and John Gilbert, heirs of William Gilbert, decd. John Gilbert was dead at the time of the filing of said bill and Milly Gilbert, Sally Gilbert, Frankey Gilbert, Philip Gilbert, William Gilbert and John Gilbert, his heirs-at-law, are ordered to be added as party defendants. William Gilbert owed Henry Giles (in H. C.). Gilbert died and James Holland was appointed admr. Giles sued him in Morganton, Morgan Dist., N. C. Judgment for 300 pounds, 1 Mch. 1801. Holland had only 184 pounds which he paid. Giles recovered from Alexander M. and John Gilbert, as heirs of William, their ancestor, 12 Sept. 1805, a writ of execution to Rutherford County where the lands they inherited were located and no lands were found there. Alexander M. Gilbert resides in the Miss. Territory where the said John Gilbert resided but they own 5000 acres in Mero Dist., Maury County, which descended to them from their ancestor, William Gilbert.

GIRAULT. Jean Girault was born in London Feb. 1755, of Huguenot parents; came to America with his brother. They contracted smallpox on boat coming over from which the brother died. Jean Girault went to the Illinois and two days after Gen. George Rogers Clark captured the island of Kaskaskia he offered his services and was accepted as interpreter. That was July 4, 1778. Jean Girault had a classic education. He served five years, part of the time as State's Attorney in Illinois under Todd. He also served



May Wilson Mc Bee

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## NOTES

**ALSTON.** In his account of the heart-breaking voyage with his family from New England, Captain Mathew Phelps tells of having to take his wife ashore after passing the Natchez landing on their way to Bayou Pierre, because of her illness, and that she died at the house of Philip Alston near Petit Gulf, 14 Oct. 1776. (Cl 110) This place, 200 acres, below Petit Gulf, Philip Alston bought from Philip Barbour on Oct. 19, 1777. (Nat. Rec.) On 6 Nov. of that year, both Philip Alston and his brother, John, with a long list of others, petitioned the West Florida Council for lands, Philip asked for 1100 acres and John for 850 acres. Both received warrants as requested but no location was designated. (E (24) W Fla) However, a British grant was issued to John Alston for 450 acres southeast of Natchez, 16 June 1777, which was surveyed in January of that year, and may have been part of the above warrant. (MPA-ED 218) Philip Alston is said to have moved from Wake Co., N.C. to the Natchez District about 1772. (Finley 20) On July 10, 1771, there was filed for record in the Court Anson Co., N.C. the transfer by Philip Alston and his wife, of their interest in lands in that county inherited from her father, John McCoy. (McB 66,69.) The records do not show that Philip Alston ever lived in Anson County, but it is not improbable that he came to the Natchez District with Anthony Hatching from that section. John and Philip Alston were among the Loyalists who participated in the Natchez insurrection early in 1781. George speed also included another brother, George Alston, a confirmation of which may be in the following excerpt from the Miss. Prov. Arch., Spanish Dominion, "Blenman and Turner stayed at the house of John Alston. John Alston and his brothers being accomplices." (in the insurrection). After the rebellion, George Alston, with others was sent in iron to New Orleans, and then to a refuge in the Chitimache Nation of Indians in southern Louisiana where he was later captured and Philip Alston escaped to the Cumberland settlement around Nashville. (Gd I 71,75) Philip Alston's family soon joined him, as shown by the records of the Mero District, Mildred Alston, Frankey and James Drumgoole being witnesses in a case against Joshua Howard, also from the Natchez District. 3 Oct. 1781, and John McCoy Alston receiving land grants in that section. (Mm. BKA 131,165; Land Rec. 207, Davidson Co. Mero Dist.) Philip Alston and his family lived in Tennessee and the adjoining Kentucky counties for nearly twenty years, returning to the Natchez District about 1799 or 1800. He was living in 1804. He had three sons, John McCoy, Philip and Peter, and two daughters, Frankey who married James Drumgoole, and Elizabeth who married (1) John Gilbert (see) and (2) Edmund Dugan, of Claiborne Co., Miss. (Finley 24-5; Nat. Rec.)

**ASHLEY.** Robert Ashley, from South Carolina to the Natchez District, in a suit over a runaway slave before Judge Peter Bryan Bruin of Bayou Pierre District, 24 Jany. 1795, stated that General Elijah Clark, of Georgia, was his uncle by marriage. (Cl. 152) General Elijah Clark's wife was Hannah Harrington, of Halifax Co., North Carolina. (Hays 14,226)

**BAIRD.** Margaret Baird, (see Stampley)

**BINGAMAN.** John Bingeman and his family were early settlers in the Shenandoah Valley on North River, (the north fork of the Shenandoah River), in what was then almost limitless Augusta County, Virginia. On 3 July 1755, their home near the "Fairfax Line", which now separates Shenandoah and Rockingham Counties, was raided by Indians. John Bingeman and his wife were killed, as was Adam Bingaman who was probably their son. (Chalk. II 507-510, Preston Papers, Wm. Hist. Soc.) At this same period, a little farther up the river, the house of another member of this family was attacked, near the site of New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va., Bingeman, the father of the family, defending his household and killing two of the Indians. However, his wife, a son and a daughter were wounded and his nephew, Lewis Bingeman, was carried off a captive and spent the rest of his life with the Indians. (Chalk. II 510, Shen. W. 33) This last undoubtedly was Christian Bingeman and the skirmish with the Indians may have grown, as Dr. Sydnor declares, with frequent recountings by the time the Bingamans had reached the Natchez District, but the two accounts above verify the episode and its main features. (Sydnor 45) In Augusta County Court, 19 May 1756, John Bingeman was appointed the admr. of the estate of his father, John Bingeman, with Jacob Nicholas and Henry Sellar as bondsmen. On 16 February 1763, John Bingeman presented to the court an account of the settlement of his father's estate, having made payments to Elias Carsh (Kersh), Wm. Leppard, Nicholas Keys, Conrad Bloss, and Henry and Christian Bingaman.

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Georgia Pioneers, Vol VI #2

Jackson County

Nathaniel Alston + Catharine S. Lowdin 7-1-1840

Ibid Vol VIII #2 (5-71)

Monroe County Index to Will Book A

Charity Alston 129

Muscogee County

William Dubase and Elizabeth J. Alston 7-26-1842

Ibid Vol IX #4 (11-72)

Baldwin County

Joseph S. Cooper and Angelina C. Alston 2-25-1834

Ibid Vol X #4 (11-73)

Elbert County Records

James A. Banks will signed Feb. 1822 probated 5-6-1822

Witnessed by John Alston

Ibid Vol XIII #2 (5-76)

Elbert County

Charity Tait and John Alston 10-4-1810

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Owen's History of Alabama, Vol. III, page 759.  
William Harris married 4th Mrs. Mary Drew Carroll, daughter of  
Col. Philip and Mary Drew (Temple) Alston of North Carolina.  
Mary Gatlin Harris was their Daughter.

Alabama

Mississippi

Noxubee County, Mississippi Marriages 1834 to 1869  
Book B  
1867 James S. Alston and Eugenia E. Mathews page 211

Alabama

Clark County, Alabama Marriages 1814-1834  
James M. Alston and Frances E. Starke 9-30-1829

Mississippi

Amite County Marriages (MS) Vol. 2  
David Ferguson and Fanny Alston March 17, 1824 page 74

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CHAPTER XIX.  
THE ALSTON—PIRIE—BOWMAN—MATTHEWS  
FAMILIES

THE first Alston of the English branch that settled in the Felicianas, to come to America was John Alston, who married Mary Clark, daughter of John Clark and Mary Palin. His son, Solomon Alston, married Anne, nicknamed Nancy Hinton, daughter of Colonel John Hinton of Chowan, in the colony of Carolina. Their son, John Alston, born in Carolina on the 18th of April, 1733, like his father and grandfather, was a loyal English subject and proud of his patrician ancestry and his distinguished forbears. His life was a succession of hazardous adventures, and his stately figure of over six feet four inches, made his great courage fully appreciated by his antagonists. After coming to Louisiana he married Elizabeth Hynes, a member of the family for whom Hynes county was named, and became the father of five children. At the time that the dissatisfied colonists were bringing their grievances to a point where rebellion was manifest and their attitude towards the rule of King George III was plain, John Alston made no attempt to hide the fact that he was a Tory, and not in sympathy with the revolutionary spirit sweeping the colonies. In 1770, disposing of his property, with his wife and their four children, he abandoned Carolina, and like many other loyal English subjects, came South to the Natchez Country of west Florida still under the British flag. He bought a plantation near Natchez and being wealthy, had a comfortable home built called "La Grange". He engaged tutors for his children, and lived as he had done in Carolina on his father's plantation. In 1772 a child was born, a daughter that they named Lucretia, who later was known as Lucy, the last child of this marriage.

The Declaration of Independence had taken place, and in the year 1779 Don Bernardo Galvez, then Spanish Governor of Louisiana, with his troops compelled the English to depart, and prevented them from taking Fort Bute at Manchac, and New Richmond, as Baton Rouge was called at that time. Notwithstanding all this, John Alston still remained loyal to the English. In 1781 when the Spanish under Galvez were engaged in overcoming the last stronghold of the English at Pensacola, Florida, a message was brought that English ships were in the Mississippi River, on the way to recapture Natchez. Under the leadership of General Lyman, many planters rallied to the British cause and planned to recapture Natchez and its fort by overcoming the small number of Spaniards guarding it. Encouraged by the report that the English had badly defeated the Spaniards, about one hundred men with John Alston amongst them, started a siege on the 22nd of April, 1781. It lasted seven days before the Spanish garrison surrendered. Once again Natchez was English, and with joy the British flag flew in the breeze. Happiness again reigned, but only for a brief period.

Joy was soon turned to terror when it was learned that the message that they had gotten was a false one, as it was the English who had been defeated, and no English vessels were coming to their aid. At once the Union Jack was pulled down, and the Spanish flag flown from the flag-staff again while those who had taken part went into hiding, remembering how "Bloody O'Reilly" had executed the revolvers in New Orleans some time before. Don Carlos de Grand Pré, lieutenant-colonel of His Majesty's Spanish forces arrived on the 29th, carrying with him documents showing his appointments as Civil and Military Commandant of the district of Natchez. Immediately he began a detailed investigation, and obtained a list of the names of those connected with the seizure of the fort. There began arrests, seizures, and confiscation of the properties belonging to the Englishmen who had taken part in the retaking of the Fort at Natchez.

A number of British subjects who were connected with the affair made an attempt to reach the closest English post located on the Savanna River. Determining to remain with his two oldest sons and see what the outcome would be, John Alston sent his wife and three youngest children well supplied with necessities for the journey, and a number of trustworthy slaves on an over-



land trip to this English settlement on the Savanna River. When out but two days Mrs. Alston who was on horseback, was critically injured when the horse on which she was mounted slipped, and in falling Mrs. Alston fractured several of her ribs. She developed complications, dying in a few weeks, after her children and faithful slaves had brought her back to the plantation where all that lay in their power had been done to ease her suffering.

Learning of his wife's death, John Alston and his sons, William and Lewis, made an attempt to escape. The sons succeeded, but John Alston was not so fortunate. He was found guilty and condemned to imprisonment in Moro Castle, Cuba, for life.

A faithful slave who had taken care of Mrs. Alston since birth, having been a house slave in her parents home, "Mammy Pratt", she was called, was again to show her devotion. In the hour of need she became the protector of her dead mistress' little children. Realizing that he might be retaken any moment while he was in hiding in an Indian settlement, John Alston had visited his friend, Dr. Farra, whose plantation in the vicinity of False River on the west bank of the Mississippi River, was not far from the Indian settlement. He had asked his friend to aid in protecting his children. In the swamp where faithful Mammy Pratt concealed her charges was a little cabin with but one room, here all of them lived an entire year, and on the scanty meals that the old slave could obtain from neighboring plantations. The oldest child, Solomon, who was twelve years of age, fished and hunted, and in this manner they managed to survive.

Alexander Stirling, a young Scotchman from far Augushire, North Britain, who was plantation manager for Dr. Farra, became a devoted friend of the children, sympathizing with them in their plight. He fell in love with Ann, and she with him, and on the 26th of May, 1784, they were married, and in later years settled in Feliciana on Rio Feliciana at a place known as Murchock's Ford, called at present Thompson's Creek. Alexander Stirling, of good parentage, opened a small store, and his genial manner won for him customers from far and near, with the result that he soon became independent, and both soon were able to take their rightful places socially in the community. Both of John Alston's sons, now grown a little older, had been pardoned owing to their ages. They were allowed to return to the place of their

birth, here in the Tunica section, where they laid out plantations, later becoming successful planters.

In the winter of 1793, the future William IV of England, while visiting Cuba learned that in damp and dismal dungeons of Moro Castle in Havana, Cuba, were imprisoned English subjects under sentence of death. He pleaded for their release, and as a result of his intercession, John Alston was released under the promise that he never again would enter Spanish territory.

A reward of \$5,000.00 was offered for any one finding him in the Spanish Possessions, and, as a final chapter in the life of this loyal Englishman, hearing that his children were in want, at suffering, John Alston surprised Governor Galvez by a visit, at which time he told his Majesty's representative that he had come to claim the reward, and was ready to give himself up, wishing the money for his children whom he understood were destitute. The Spanish Governor overcome by the love of this father for his children, gave him an absolute pardon, requiring only that he never again bear arms against Spain or her possessions. John Alston remained true to his word, for up until his death in Louisiana in 1802, he never again made any attempt to oppose the Dons. He found his daughter Ann happily married and a mother, and also learned that Lucretia was in a convent in New Orleans being educated. Then he found William and Lewis on their plantations on Tunica Bayou doing well. Finally he got back some of his old slaves, and by unending energy again rose to be wealthy, owning large tracts of valuable plantation and timber land at his death.

The children of John Alston and his wife Elizabeth Hynes, whom he married in 1761 were: (a) William Alston, whose wife was Mildred Wells, a native of Rapides Parish, Louisiana. (b) Louis Alston, who married Mary Anna Gray, who died childless; for his second wife, he took Rebecca Kendall, who bore him four children. (1) Isaac Alston, who remained single. (2) Louis Alston, whose wife was Lydia Adams, who had one son that settled in Pointe Coupee, La. (3) Anna Maria, who married Abraham Gray. Their children were: Charlotte, who married John Baker; James, who married Sarah Doherty; Ruffin, who married Lucy Davis; Elisabeth Alston married Arthur Adams, no issue; Anna Alston married Alexander Stirling and became the mother of nine children. (4) Solomon Alston remained single. (5)



Lucy Alston, christened Lucretia, was born at her father's plantation in Homochito, Miss., in 1772, and died in 1833; her first husband being Ruffin Gray for whom Oakley plantation was laid out and its manor built. Ruffin Gray later returning to Homochito because of illness, and died shortly afterwards. His widow later on married James Pirrie, a member of a distinguished patrician Scotch family. He having been an alcalde, under the Spanish Rule and living in Feliciana at the time of his marriage. He was born in 1769, and died on March 7th, 1824.

The children of Lucy Alston by her marriage to Ruffin Gray were four in number: (1) Elisabeth, who died in infancy; (2) Ruffin, who died in infancy; (3) Mary Ann. Of the children by her second marriage, there were three in number, two of them dying in infancy. Eliza, who was born on October 6th, 1805, became a great beauty and social celebrity, on account of her vivaciousness, rare wit, charm of manner and wealth.

Mary Ann, sister of Eliza, first married Jedidah Smith, a native of Adams County, Mississippi, issue: Catherine and Sarah. Her second husband was Dr. Ira Smith, no issue from this marriage. Beautiful Eliza Pirrie became a bride on three occasions: her first husband being the handsome and wealthy young Robert Hilliard Barrow of magnificent Greenwood Plantation, undoubtedly having the most beautiful Greek Revival type of plantation manor in the state of Louisiana. Issue: Robert Hilliard Barrow II, born after his father's death, who married Mary E. Barrow, daughter of David Barrow, builder of Afton Villa. Nine children blessed this union, Rosale Plantation a bridal gift of David Barrow, was one of the fine plantation homes in Feliciana, it being destroyed by fire in 1880.

The children of Robert H. Barrow who survived infancy are: Charles Barrow, Sarah Barrow, Eliza Barrow, Bennet Barrow, Robert Barrow, Isabelle Barrow, and Samuel Barrow. Eliza Pirrie Barrow, later married Reverend William Robert Bowman, who was a rector of Grace Episcopal Church at St. Francisville, La. He was a native of Brownsville, Penn., and was born Dec. 7th, 1800, and died Aug. 30th, 1835. Issue of this marriage were two children, Isabelle Bowman, who became the wife of William Wilson Matthews; issue of this marriage were six children: 1st Robert Bowman Matthews; 2nd, Cora Slocum Matthews; 3rd, Lucy Pirrie Matthews; 4th, Ida G. Matthews; 5th, Leonard Fin-

lay Matthews; 6th, William Wilson Matthews. James Pirrie Bowman, son of Eliza Pirrie and Rev. Bowman, who married Sarah Turnbull, daughter of the builder of the beautiful plantation home on Rosedown Plantation near St. Francisville, La. Ten children were the issue of this marriage, all of them born in the old mansion.

They are Martha Bowman, (2) Eliza Bowman; (3) Sarah Bowman; (4) Anna Bowman; (5) Daniel Bowman; (6) Mayme Bowman; (7) Minna Bowman; (8) James Bowman; (9) Carrie Bowman; (10) Belle Bowman. Eliza Pirrie's third husband was Henry E. Lyons of Philadelphia, Pa., which occurred five years after the death of Rev. Bowman; issue of this marriage, (1) Lucy Lyons; (2) Cora Lyons, who became the wife of Captain Richard Floyd; (3) Eliza Lyons, who died in infancy.

The memory of Eliza Pirrie Barrow Bowman Lyons lingers in the beautiful Feliciana country, like a tuneful melody which never fails to evoke recollections of a pleasant nature when heard. So thoroughly has her history been interwoven with the history of the plantations of this area, that it is a hard matter to write about the one without including the other. Under the circumstances it seemed but fitting that when she died on April the 20th, 1851, that she should be laid to rest beside her husband the Rev. William Robert Bowman in a grave close to that of some of her own, in the little cemetery on Beechwood plantation in Feliciana, which country she loved, and where she was loved so dearly.

When one visits Verona, Italy, one unconsciously thinks of Juliet. So too, when Louisianians visit the Felicianas, their thoughts wander to Eliza Pirrie. Not to the gracious matron, but to the Eliza that Audubon knew, and of whom he wrote in his diary "My beautiful Miss Pirrie of Oakley". The beautiful vivacious girl whom all idolized.

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July 15, 1984

Wrote  
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Dear Mrs. G. Cragon:

There will be no hurry as I want to get these deeds in the mail to you promptly.

Harvey and I were in Holly Springs last week en route to a Cragon family reunion at Knoxville. I did spend several hours in the Marshall Co. courthouse. We copied as many Alston deeds as time allowed; there was more there on my Herberts and Harberts than I anticipated and the clock reached closing time much too quickly.

A note of explanation: Deed Book A is missing; also Deed Book I. Sometimes the index has a date, sometimes not. We copied the Marshall Alston deeds, and I covered the index up to 1850 with whatever notes were available. The clerk at the courthouse said the records had not been microfilmed, but a guide to the Ms. Archives leads me to believe that they have been. When time permits I will find out.

Sincerely,

Kennetta

cc: Col. Phillip Alston, James his ch. a dau m. Angus Gillis

- Easter Alston and Co. Book A, 263, Book B, 140 (we missed this one)
- Alston & Willis Book I, 175 (from index (sic)) 1841
- Alston, Henry to Alston, Book I, 14 (1841) E1/2 and NW 1/4 S18 T6 R4W
- Alston, Henry to Alston & Wyche (1841) Book I, 264, 2 acres of land on E1/2 and NW 1/4 S18 T6 R4W
- Alston, Willis from Willis, Book I, 95 (1843) mortgage 14 slaves
- Alston, Henry to Alston, Book O, 316
- Alston, Willis from Alston, Book O, 406 (1849), S1/2 S13 T1 R4W
- Alston, Henry to Alston, Book O, 406 same date and description as above
- Alston, Henry, Book O, 467, 6 slaves in trust, 1849
- Alston, Henry, and Willis, Book O, 551 to Northcut NW1/4 S13 T6 R4W 1849

Clifford, the deeds & probate records in Marshall Co. are in good condition, but the estate settlement papers are still in their metal boxes, slowly deteriorating.



ALLMAN, Thomas (RS-Pvt-GA) Aug 18, 1762 - May 2, 1845  
m. Nancy David

ALSTON, James (RS-NC) c1746, N. C. - 1815 Elbert Co., Ga.  
m. Grisel "Gilly" Yancey (1752-1845), Orange Co., N. C. 1774

Children:

1. Nathaniel (1775-1852)
2. Charity
3. Sarah
4. Martha d/s
5. John

- m. Mary Grey Jeffrys  
m. James Banks  
m. Joseph Groves

m/1 Charity Tate, Elbert Co.,  
Oct 4, 1810

m/2 Miss \_\_\_\_\_ McGinty

- m. James Jones Banks  
m. John Glover, Elbert Co.,  
Sept 21, 1811

6. Hannah
7. Elizabeth

ALSTON, William (RS-LCol-NC) Dec 25, 1736 - W/p Jan 1810, Elbert Co., Ga.  
m. Charity Lillington Alston (cousins)

Children:

1. James

- m. Catherine Hamilton (dau of  
Andrew Hamilton (RS) & Jane McGara)  
m. Elizabeth Rucker, Elbert Co.,  
Jan 25, 1820  
m. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Woolfork (?)

2. William H.

3. Philip H.
4. Solomon
5. George
5. Mary

m. Capt. James Clark, Elbert Co.,  
Apr 8, 1813

6. Elizabeth
7. Christeen (or Christian?)
9. Sarah
10. Ann "Nancy"

- m. Thomas Chambers  
m. William H. Tait

G-ch: Named in will of Charity Alston p/ Elbert Co., May 5, 1823:  
a. Charity Ann Tait; b. Charles Tait, ch of Ann & William H. Tait  
a. Charity Ann Clark, ch of Polly & James Clark  
a. Edward M. Chambers, son of Sarah & Thomas Chambers

AMMONS, John (RS-NC) 1760 N. C. - W/s Nov 26, 1849 - p/ May 3, 1854, Wayne Co., Ga.

m. Jemima \_\_\_\_\_, in S. C.

Children:

1. Sarah (1796)
2. Elizabeth (1802)

- m. William Warner, July 5, 1819  
m. Jacob Highsmith, Jr.,  
Apr 17, 1826

3. Polly (1805) d/s
4. John Jr.
5. William (1812)
6. Jemima (1818)

- m. Eudicy Lewis, 1836  
m. Sloca Campbell, June 28, 1854(?)  
m. Elijah Townsend

Will states: "A foundling I have reared:  
Emma Malissie Sophia "DeLispine"

m. Riley Herrin, Feb 1, 1855

Catherine L. Knorr

MARRIAGES OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA - 1768-1825

- ✓ February 1810. Gray E. ADAMS and Mary W. Clark. John Bell, guardian  
Mary consents for her. Sur. Joseph Warren. Wit. Rebecca B. Clark and  
Elizabeth Hamlin. Married by Rev. Nathaniel Berriman, Methodist. p. 82
- December 1811. Henry ADAMS and Delitha Amiss. Sur. Edward W. Holt.  
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- February 1785. James ADAMS and Elizabeth Barham. Sur. John Petway.  
p. 15
- January 1800. Patrick H. ADAMS and Susanna Cocke. Sur. James Smith.  
Married 16 January by Rev. Samuel Butler, Rector Southwark Parish,  
Episcopal Church. p. 55
- January 1803. Patrick H. ADAMS and Ann Hunt Bradby. Sur. William  
Randolph, Jr. p. 63
- December 1811. Thomas ADAMS and Elizabeth Ellis "of lawful age", dau.  
of Thomas Ellis, Sr., who consents. Sur. Gray E Adams. Wit. Polly Ellis.  
Married 12 December by Rev. Nathaniel Berriman, Methodist. p. 86
- October 1795. William ADAMS and Hannah Judkins. Sur. John Judkins.  
Married 15 October by Rev. Nathaniel Berriman, Methodist Minister. p. 41
- June 1814. William ADAMS and Mary Warren, dau. of James Warren. Sur.  
James Milby. Married 11 June by Rev. James Warren, Methodist Minister.  
p. 95
- October 1779. Andrew ADAMSON and Sally Burn. Sur. Lewis Burn. p 7
- July 1784. John ADKINS and Elizabeth Campbell. Sur. William Cocke.  
Wit. Thomas Bland, Jr. John Adkins of Norfolk Borough. p. 13
- December 1772. William ALMOND and Ann Wilson. Sur. John Wilson and  
David Denman. William Almond of Isle of Wight County. p. 1
- ✓ December 1791. Samuel ALSTON and Elizabeth Faulcon. Sur. Nicholas  
Faulcon, Jr. Married 15 December by Rev. Samuel Butler, Rector of  
Southwark Parish, Episcopal Church. p. 33
- ✓ June 1786. Thomas Whitmell ALSTON and Lucy Faulcon, dau. of Nicholas  
Faulcon who consents. Sur. John Faulcon. p. 19
- December 1815. George ANDERSON and Mildred Edwards Williams. Sur.  
Samuel H. Williams. Wit. James Holt. Married by Rev. Nathaniel  
Berriman, Methodist. p. 99
- November 1786. Nelson ANDERSON and Martha Smith, dau. of Lucy Smith  
who consents. Sur. James Smith. p. 19
- April 1819. Archer ANDREWS and Eliza Peters. Sur. Jesse Peters.  
Married 9 May by Rev. James Warren, Methodist. p. 113



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✓ **ALSTON, James** (RS) - will - s/Oct 18, 1814 p/May 1, 1815  
 Wife: Gilley (Yancey) m. Orange Co., N. C., \_\_\_\_\_ 1774  
 Sons: Nathaniel (m. Mary Gray Jeffrys )  
       John (m/1 Charity Tait, Elbert Co., Oct 4, 1810 )  
           (m/2 Miss \_\_\_\_\_ McGinty )  
 Daus: Charity Banks (m. James Banks )  
       Sarah Groves (m. Joseph Groves )  
       Hannah Banks (m. James Jones Banks )  
       Martha Alston  
       Elizabeth Alston (m. James O. Glover, Elbert Co. 9/6/1815)  
 G-ch: James Alston Banks, son of dau Charity  
       James Alston Groves, son of dau Sarah  
       William Jefferson Alston, son of son Nathaniel  
       Elmiry Banks, dau of dau Hannah  
 Exrs: Wife Gilley, sons Nathaniel and John  
 Wit: James Alston, Jr., Samuel G. Cloud, William H. Alston

✓ **ALSTON, William** (RS) - will - s/Dec 8, 1809 p/Jan \_\_\_\_ 1810  
 Wife: Charity (Alston) - They were cousins.  
 Sons: Solomon  
       James (m. Catherine Hamilton, dau of Andrew  
               Hamilton (RS) & Jane McGara )  
       William H. (m. Elizabeth Buckner, Elbert Co. 1/25/1820 )  
       Philip H. (m. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Woolfork )  
 Daus: Nancy Tait (m. William H. Tait )  
       Elizabeth Thompson (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Thompson )  
       Sarah Chambers (m. Thomas Chambers )  
       Christeen L. Alston  
       Mary Alston (m. James Clark, Elbert Co., 4/8/1813 )  
 Exrs: Wife Charity and son James  
 Wit: James Banks, Reuben Tucker, Gabriel Tucker

ANDREWS, Nathaniel - will - s/Apr 25, 1799 p/Sept 12, 1799  
 Wife: Polly  
 Bro: Robins Andrews  
 Exrs: Brother Robins Andrews and friend John Andrews  
 Wit: Henry Brown, Elizabeth Andrews

ARNOLD, William - will - s/June 4, 1812 p/July \_\_\_\_ 1812  
 1st wife's children: James, Lucy, Susanna, Jenney and Polly  
 Present wife Nancy and her three children: William, John and Lemuel  
 Exrs: Wife Nancy and Absolom Davis  
 Wit: Sally Childres; Patsy Owens; Barnett Jeter

ARNOLD, John m. Mary W. Hudson, Elbert Co., Dec 15, 1825  
           William m. Nancy Woodly " " Sept 3, 1826

Elbert Co.

AKIN, Thomas - will - \_\_\_\_\_ p/ May 7, 1832

"All property to be divided amongst my nine children:"  
 Sarah M. Akin; William E. Akin (balance to his wife and children till  
 youngest is 21). Same conditions for son Johnson Akin; dau. Sophia  
 Jones, wife of D. H. Jones; dau. Mary, wife of S. H. Tucker; dau.  
 Jane, wife of R. C. Tucker; son: Warren, and daus Elizabeth and Martha  
 C. Akin.

Exr: Beverly Allen

Oaths of John M. Radford and Washington Morrison that sometime in Jan.  
 or Feb. Thomas Akin sent for Maj. Beverly Allen to write his will and  
 gave him special instruction, that they heard what he said and the will  
 corresponds. s/ Jan. or Feb. 1832

Note: William E. Aiken m. Sarah K. Mann, Elbert Co., Jan 3, 1824  
 Johnson Akin m. Charity A. Banks " " Oct 28, 1828  
 Sophia Akin m. Dewy H. Jones " " Mar 22, 1827  
 Mary Akin m. Stephen H. Tucker " " Jan 16, 1827  
 Jane Akin m. Robert C. Tucker " " Aug 12, 1828  
 Elizabeth Akin m. Thomas Young " " Sept 4, 1834

ALEXANDER, Isaac(RS) - 2 draws in 1827 Land Lottery  
 Returns Sept 1827 - Mary Alexander, minor of Isaac Alexander, dec'd.,  
 over 14, chooses Elam Alexander, gdn.

Note: ALEXANDER, Elam	m. Lucy Terry	Dec 8, 1825
Mordecai	m. Judy M. Shackelford,	Aug 7, 1817
Peter	m. Betsy A. Banks	Dec 24, 1812
Allen	m. Sarah Thompson	Feb 5, 1815
William G.	m. Juliann Patterson	Mar 16, 1824
Willis	m. Sarah C. Banks	Mar 15, 1820
Fleming A.	m. Ann Jones	Oct 7, 1831

ALEXANDER, William(RS) - will - s/ Mar 3, 1805 - p/ June 12, 1806

Wife: Nancy (2nd wf); 1st wf., Frankey Rucker

Children: James; Elijah; John and George (others not named)

Peter	m. Nancy Shackelford (dau of Henry(RS))	
Ezza	m. Standley Jones	Jan 3, 1811
Milly	m. Willis Rucker	Nov 29, 1807
Dau:	m. William Page	
Frances	m. Bardin Rucker	Aug 23, 1810
Dau:	m. Reuben Cleveland	

Note: Edmond Alexander m. Catherine Alexander Dec 16, 1816

✓ ALLEN, JOSEPH(RS) - will - s/ Oct 29, 1830 - p/ May 6, 1833

Wife: Agnes (Patterson)

Sons: Joseph Jr. (prob. m. Charlott Hendry, Elbert Co., Mar 11, 1824)

William " " Jincy Fannin " " Dec 9, 1829)

James (to have \$50.00 extra, willed to him by his g-f. Patterson)

John

Daus: Rhoda Allen

Elizabeth Head (m. James B. Head, Elbert Co., Jan 7, 1821)

Piety Reed

Nancy Couch (m. Elijah W. Couch, Elbert Co., June 8, 1830)

Sarah Kelly (m. William Kelly, Elbert Co., Jan 4, 1810)



JOSEPH ALLEN (RS), cont'd:

Polly Blare  
Exrs: Williamson Clarke; William Bowers  
Wit: Henry Duncan; Nancy Hendry

Note: ALLEN, James m. Mary A. Haynes Jan 7, 1837  
Harriet m. William P. Reed July 22, 1824

ALLEN, William - will - s/ Sept 20, 1825 - p/ May 1, 1826

Wife: Sarah  
Sons: Beverly  
Singleton W. m/1 Jane Lanier Heard, dau. of Stephen Heard (RS)  
m/2 Betsey Darden

Thomas  
Son-in-law: Zachariah Smith  
Dau: Elizabeth Thournton  
Dau: Drucilla Teasley  
Dau: Ann Hammond  
G-sons: William A. Lindsey and Singleton W. Smith  
G-dau: Nelly W. Smith  
G-dau: Almira A. C. Allen  
Lucy Hines (relationship not stated)  
Zachariah Smith and his four children  
Exrs: Sons Beverly and Singleton W. Allen  
Wit: James Banks Sr., Thomas Keys; James B. Henderson

ALLGOOD, John (RS) - In Elbert County 1831

ALLGOOD, Asa	m. Sarah Wilkins	May 20, 1824
James F.	m. <u>Susan Roberts</u>	Jan 3, 1839
James W.	m. Mary Pickerel	Jan 20, 1859
James Y.	m. Prudence Turman	July 12, 1815
John	m. Jane Algood	Jan 7, 1822
John	m. Mary Allgood	Sept 13, 1824
John	m. Nancy Burden	Dec 27, 1825
Levi	m. Mary Ann Downer	Aug 12, 1842
Levi S.	m. Louisa Downer	Aug 19, 1847
Peter	m. Nancy Jones	Aug 17, 1848
Samuel	m. Fanny Naish	Nov 10, 1814
William	m. Jincy Wright	Jan 2, 1817
ALLGOOD, John - entitled to 2 draws as R. S. in 1827 Land Lottery		
Spencer	" " " " " " " "	"
Anny	m. John W. Morris	Feb 6, 1817
Elvey	m. Abner Pealor	Apr 10, 1819

ALSTON, Charity - will - s/Apr 20, 1823 p/May 5, 1823  
G-son: Edwin M. Chambers, son of dau Sarah, wf. of Thomas Chambers  
G-dau: Charity Ann Tait, dau of dau Ann, wf. of William H. Tait  
G-son: Charles Tait  
G-dau: Charity A. Clark, dau of dau Mary or Polly, and James Clark  
Sons: James; William H., and Philip H. Alston  
Dau: Christian Alston  
Exrs: "Three said sons."

Samuel William r/o Edgecombe/NC; d. 1733/4 Halifax/NC  
m. Elizabeth, d/o John & Mary (Clerk) Alston

1. Col. William 2. Capt. Solomon 3. Samuel  
m. Eliza Whitmel m. Temperance Bodier? (no data)  
(r/o Martin/NC) (r/o Warren/NC)

4. Col. Jos. John  
m. Rosannah Connor  
m. Eliza Alston  
(r/o Halifax/NC)

Thomas Kearney, Chowan to Edgecombe/NC; d. 1764 Halifax/NC  
m. Sarah, d/o John & Mary (Clerk) Alston

1. Edmund d. 1794 2. Philip d. 1794  
m. Sarah Brothers m. Elizabeth Kinchen  
(Halifax to Warren/NC)

Col. John Dawson d. 1761  
m. 2. Charity, d/o John & Mary (Clerk) Alston

1. Charity b. 1756 2. Elizabeth 3. Col. John  
m. Samuel Williams m. Eliza Rutherford  
(r/o Martin/NC) (N'ampton & Halifax/NC)

John b. 1735, s/o Solomon Alston; to 1770 MS; d. 1802 LR  
m. Elizabeth Hines

1. William 2. Philip Lewis 3. Ann  
4. Lucretia 5. Solomon m. Alex. Stirling  
m. Ruffin Gray (John & Philip Alston; Alex. Stirling &  
m. James Perrie Ruffin Gray were Logalists.)

Lt. Col. William, s/o Philip Alston, r/o Halifax & Warren/NC  
m. Martha, d/o Benj. & Mary (Alston) Hardee

1. Benjamin 2. Philip 3. William  
4. Whitmel H. 5. Thomas m. Eliza W. Williams  
6. Samuel W.

7. Medicus 8. James 9. Mary
10. Elizabeth 11. B.H.J. Maria 12. Martha Hardee  
m. Wm. K. Kearney

Capt. John b. 1730, R.S., s/o Joseph J. Alston, r/o Halifax;  
m. Ann Hunt Macon

1. Col. Joseph (R.S.) 2. Gideon 3. Willis  
m. Esther Wright m. Frances Rutherford

4. Robert W. b. 1781 5. Priscilla J. 6. Ann Hunt  
m. Henrietta Green

Jesse Hunter (to GR)  
m. Ann, d/o Solomon Alston

1. Philip 2. Elisha 3. Alston 4. Ruth

Isaac Hunter d. 1813 Warren Co., NC  
m. Martha, d/o Solomon Alston

1. Solomon 2. James Alston 3. Jacob 4. Ann Alston
5. Patsy H. 6. Sackey 7. Salley Alston

Thomas Crawford b. 1736 SC  
m. Elizabeth, d/o William Alston

1. John 2. William 3. Mary 4. David
5. Thomas 6. Gilly 7. Elizabeth 8. Hardee
9. Nancy 10. Sarah 11. Martha b. 1784

Philip d. 1794, s/o Thomas Kearney, r/o Halifax & Warren/NC  
m. Elizabeth Kinchen

1. Thomas 2. Elizabeth 3. Mary 4. Martha
5. Sarah 6. Temperance 7. Henry G. 8. Priscilla
9. Polly Dawson 10. William K.  
m. B.H.J. Maria Alston

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chart 1

John, s/o John & Ann (Wallis) Alston, bap. 1673 Felmersham Co., Bedford; d. 1758 Chowan Co., NC

m. Mary Clark

1. Joseph b. 1702
2. Mary
- m. Elizabeth Chancy
- m. Henry Guston
- m. Euphan Wilson
- m. William Seward
- (r/o Edgecombe/NC)
- (no issue)

3. Solomon b. 1708
- m. Nancy A. Hinton
- (r/o Warren/NC)

4. Martha
- m. Lemuel Wilson
- (no issue)
- (r/o Edgecombe/NC)
5. William d. 1743
6. Phillip d. 1783
- m. Winifred, d/o Thomas & Eliz. (Hunter-Bryan)
- (Whitmel)
- (r/o Warren/NC)
10. Charity d. 1764
- m. Reuben Hilliard
- (no issue)
- m. Col. John Dawson

Joseph John Alston b. 1702; d. 1781 Halifax Co., NC

m. Elizabeth Chancy

1. Capt. John b. 1730
2. Col. Phillip
3. Martha d. 1814/15
- m. Ann Hunt Macon
- m. Temperance Smith
- m. James Meroney
- (r/o Halifax/NC)
- (r/o Moore-Cumb/NC)
- (to GR)

4. William

m. Sarah Yeargan

m. Euphan Wilson

5. Willis b. 1750
6. Henry
- m. Elizabeth Wright
- m. Sarah Hill
- (r/o Halifax/NC)
- (r/o Warren/NC)

7. Mary b. 1756
- m. William Palmer

8. Euphan b. 1761
9. Joseph J. b. 1767
- m. John Cooper
- m. Martha Kearney
- (r/o Chatham/NC)

Solomon Alston b. ca. 1708; r/o Warren Co., NC

m. Nancy/Anna Hinton

1. Mary b. 1730
2. Solomon b. 1733
3. John b. 1735
- m. Nath. Kimbrough
- m. Sarah ---
- (r/o Wake/NC)
- (r/o Granville/NC)
- (to MS/d. 1802 LR)

4. Lt. Col. Wm. b. 1736
5. Ann b. 1738
6. Phillip
- m. Charity Alston
- m. Jesse Hunter
- (to GR)
- (to Natchez/MS)

7. Charity b. 1743
8. Martha b. 1745
9. Rachel
- m. Capt. James Jones
- m. Isaac Hunter
- (r/o Warren/NC)
- m. Edmund Jones

10. Sarah b. 1752
- m. Mr. Morgan

11. James b. 1754
- m. 1. Sarah Kearney

William Alston d. 1743 "now" Halifax Co., NC

m. Ann Kimbrough

1. Mary
- m. Benj. Hardee
- (r/o Wake/NC)
2. Elizabeth
- m. Thomas Crawford

Phillip Alston d. 1783 Warren Co., NC

m. Winifred Whitmel

1. Lt. Col. Wm. b. 1747
2. Elizabeth
- m. Martha Hardee
- m. Jos. J. Williams
- m. Lucy Faulcon
- (r/o Halifax-Warren/NC)
- (r/o Warren/NC)

3. Thomas W. b. 1755
- m. Joseph Cocke
- (r/o Warren/NC)

4. Martha b. 1757
5. Henry G. b. 1760
6. Phillip G. b. 1762
7. Philip
8. Mary b. 1751
9. Winifred b. 1764
- m. Henry Hill
- m. Joseph Cocke
- (r/o Warren/NC)

10. Samuel b. 1770
- m. Elizabeth Faulcon

James Alston d. 1761; r/o Chowan to Orange Co., NC

m. Christian Lillingston of Craven Co., NC

1. John d. 1814
2. Mary d. by 1764
3. James b. 1746/7
- (Wake to Orange/NC)
5. Sarah
- m. Sir. Thomas Dudley
- m. Lt. Col. Wm. Alston
- m. William Cain

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History of Benjamin Mitchell Griffin  
Benjamin Mitchell Griffin was an early settler in Telfair County where he became one of the first martyrs to the cause of the Ocmulgee pioneers. He lived in Montgomery County before the creation of Telfair County where he was prominently mentioned in the records. Other Griffins apparently with Benjamin M. were William, James, and Joshua. The tax record for 1805 shows Benjamin M. Griffin living in the 51st Dist. (near Vidalia) along with Stewart Hamilton, Jesse Moore, William Griffin, Thomas Oconee Davis, and Thomas Willcox. In 1806 he is shown in the same district, this being the same district as that of Joseph and Charles Burch whose lives crossed his with such a great impact in 1818.

In 1803, James Alston and wife, Polly, and B. Mitchell Griffin and wife, Temperance, sold to Aaron Daniel of Washington County a 250 acre island located in the Oconee (Mont. Co. deed), witnesses: William Griffin and Thomas Willcox. In 1804 this land appears to have been sold by Alston to Griffin. In 1806 ~~the same island~~ Benjamin Mitchell Griffin and wife, Temperance sold to Edward Blacksheare 50 acres on the Oconee, Second Sister Island which had apparently belonged to James Alston by deed of 1803 by which said Griffin held claim. The deed was witnessed by John Alston, Nathaniel R. Mitchell and Benjamin Brown, J. P. In 1806 James Griffin sold to Duncan McKrimmon land by Enoch Hall. Wit.; Joshua Griffin and Norman McLeod. This deed in Mont. Co. was attested to by McLeod in Telfair County, 1812.

On June 4, 1810, William Carroll sold to Benjamin Mitchell Griffin lot 233, 11 dist., Telfair County, wit.: Abraham F. Powell, and Freeer Jackson, J. P. (Also called "Bill."). On Feb. 20, 1810, William Griffin bought lot 286, 9 dist., Telfair. Norman McLeod bought 459 and 325, 9 dist. on Oct. 2, 1810, wit.: Daniel McDonald, Ziba Fletcher, and John McLeod. On Nov. 9, 1811, Benjamin Mitchell Griffin bought from Elijah Clark lot 374 and 376, 9 dist., Jeremiah Loftin, wit. On Nov. 20, 1814 William Griffin bought from William Harris lot (part) 375, 9 dist. wit. John Reddin Parramore. This land was directly on the Ocmulgee adjoining Jehu McCall's lot 345 with only 346 between. In Oct., 1817, Thomas S. Swain sold to William Griffin lot 344, 14 dist., adjoining Griffin's property, wit. John Lawson and William Griffin. On May 21, 1816, William Griffin sold to Charles Burch of Telfair part of lot 375 an island containing 30 acres above the old river. Wit.: Micaja Vafser, Michael Burch, and James Williams, J. P. Burch sold this to David Callaway on March 23, 1818. In 1818 William Griffin sold to Bradley Hailes lot 164, 9 dist. wit. ~~Mark Willcox and Joshua Burch~~ ~~Griffin and Joshua Burch~~ 375, 9 dist. Wit.: John Griffin, John Lawson and James Williams, J. P. (64 acres) On March 14, 1818 William Griffin sold to John Willcox one-half lot 286, 9 dist., where Willcox lived, wit. Rader K. McIver and Thomas N. Statham. In 1823, Temperance Griffin sold half of lot 286, 9 dist. to Willcox. Wit. Mark Willcox and Michael Con

At the first term of Court, April 16, 1810, chosen to serve on the petit jury were William, Joshua, James, and Thomas Griffin. Bill Griffin was on the first Grand Jury. On April 15, 1811 Benjamin M. Griffin was chosen to serve on the next Grand Jury.

Benjamin M. Griffin served in a detachment to erect and garrison Fort Adams Aug. 26 to Sept. 4, 1813. He was commissioned Captain for the 339th District G. M. for Telfair County for the term June 4, 1814-June 18, 1815. He was serving in this capacity on March 1, 1818 when his neighbor Joseph Burch and son, Littleton, crossed the Ocmulgee and pitched camp at Bowen's Mill. As they were constructing their camp they were suddenly fired upon by a band of hostile Indians. Joseph Burch was killed and the son was wounded. Both were scalped and the boy left for dead. However



recovered sufficiently to make his way across the river to the home of John Wilcox who lived at the time on lot 286 owned apparently by William and Benjamin M. Griffin. The alarm was sounded along the river and a band of Telfair citizens including militiamen led by Major Josiah D. Cuthon and Captain Benjamin Mitchell crossed the river to seek redress. Following the trail of the Indians to the head of Breakfast Branch they engaged in a severe skirmish with the redskins in the Battle of Breakfast Branch. During the battle the Indians, outnumbering the whites two one outflanked the latter causing a general retreat. Captain Mitchell Griffin was killed in action while attempting to rally his men. Presumably his body was carried back across the river and buried on his home place above Temperance. He left a widow, Temperance, and two sons and daughters. In 1823 Tempee sold part of lot 286 to John Willcox and apparently moved away. Temperance was probably named for her and Griffin's Creek flowing through the Griffin and McCall plantations was probably named for Benjamin Mitchell Griffin or William Griffin, who appears to have been his brother. John Willcox had a son born shortly after the death of Mitchell Griffin and named him Mitchell Willcox in memory of his fallen friend.

*Benj. M. Griffin in Temperance plantation in Chas.  
Co., N. C., 1795 (see Jan. of G. & S., Apr. 1, 1964)*

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Jan. 2nd. 1957.

Mr. F. M. Chalker,  
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Dear Sir :--

Your letter of the 29th. has my attention.

I have been told that the exact spot of the "Battle of Breakfast Branch", was on a small stream by that name just west of the SAL RR running from Abbeville to Fitzgerald, and emptying into House Creek just above Bowen's mill.

The site of the "battle" was about two miles north of it's mouth on House creek and about back of what is known as "Dix Place" 7 or 8 miles South of Abbeville. James L. Willcox son of John and Mary Lea Willcox was in this "battle" as was Mark Willcox and another son of John Willcox. The white settlers in Telfair were under leadership of Mitchell Griffin. They scouted the camp for two or three days and slipped up on them just as the Indians were having their breakfast.

A few days before the Massacre of the Indians, three men from Telfair had encroached on "Indian territory" and were erecting a house, the Indians shot them, two were killed but one feigned death and was scalped... A part of his hair about as large as a silver dollar being taken--hide and all... one of them who escaped made his way to John Willcox's home in Telfair and was carried to old "Hartford" where a Doctor sewed up his scalp and treated him. The man's name who was scalped was "Burch" and has descendants in Telfair Co. today one of them L. C. Burch who was in business at McRae until retired a few years ago, is now 70 and married my first Cousin, a descendant of John Willcox.

The name "Willcox" is spelled with two "L's" and my father was excited when a man spelled it with one L,--when my grandfather Mitchell Willcox--who was Senator from Telfair in 1856 when Wilcox county was created--introduced the bill or collaborated with Abb L Hatton, representative from Telfair, and for whom Abbeville was named.--freed his slaves he called them to house and told them they were "free" and any of them who wanted to use the family name could, but to always spell it with one L. To this day if you pick up the McRae paper and see the Name Willcox spelled with two L's, that is about a white man, but when spelled with one L, it is most generally, a "colored" person or a Yankee

Yours Truly,

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## ALSTON GENEALOGY

NOTE: Since I descended from Thomas Symons, and since Groves, in his ALSTON GENEALOGY, stated that Elizabeth Chancy, first wife of Joseph John Alston, was a granddaughter of Jeremiah Symons, brother to my Thomas Symons, I undertook research into the matter. The following pages are the result. Editor.

J. A. Groves, in his book, THE ALSTONS AND ALLSTONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA (pub. 1901), stated that John Alston of Chowan Co., N. C. (d. c1758) was identical with the John Alston who was baptized at Felmersham, Bedfordshire, England, in 1673. No actual proof was given, but since the John baptized 1673 was near the same age as the John of N. C., the two have been considered to have been one and the same. However, many genealogists and Alston descendants have been reluctant to accept the John of Felmersham, England, as being identical with the John Alston who was founder of the family in North Carolina. Unless conclusive documentary proof is found, either in England or America, the North Carolina Alstons and Alston descendants should not claim the Bedfordshire, England, Alstons as their ancestors.

J. R. B. Hathaway, in his NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER (April 1900 issue, Vol. I, No. 2, p. 163 - note at bottom of page), stated: "John Alston first appears in Chowan Precinct in 1714. He probably came with his wife from Surry County, Va.....Wife Mary was Mary Clark before her marriage...." Again, no proof is given. The 1704 Rent Roll of Virginia, which included Surry Co. (but did not include counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Stafford, and Westmoreland), listed no Alstons. A Thos. Allstin left a will, 1762, in Surry Co., Va., and a Mary Allstin left a will there in 1776. Perhaps these wills lead Hathaway to conclude that John Alston of N. C. was also from Surry Co., Va.

W. Thomas Smith, in FAMILY TREE BOOK (pub. c1922), stated: "Col. John Alston who married Mary Clark is said to have been a cousin of the John Allston of South Carolina. Whether he and Mary Clark were married in America or Europe is not known. It is thought they married in Europe. They perhaps first settled in Virginia and prior to 1711 settled in Chowan County, North Carolina, and in that year obtained a grant of 200 acres of land northwest of Bennett's Creek...." (P. 31)

A John Alsten left an inventory dated 1698 in York Co., Va. It is suggested that further research be done in records of York Co., Va., on this John Alsten. Also, the John "Alslove" who witnessed a power of attorney, dated 1703, from Henry Baker of Va., to Samuel Swann of N. C., may have actually been John Alstone (see COLONIAL RECORDS OF N. C., Vol. I, p. 587).

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Thus we really know practically nothing about John Alston before he settled in N. C. shortly before 1717, for in that year he is listed with 200 acres and 2 polls (blacks and whites were not separated on the 1717 tax list of Chowan Co., N. C.). Incidentally, the 1717 tax list also listed Thos. Clark with 1500 acres & 2 polls; Rebecca Clark with 100 acres & 1 poll. Solomon Alston is the first son of John to appear on record (he conveyed land in Chowan 1727) and since Solomon was the first to be named in his father's will in 1758, it may be assumed that Solomon was the eldest son. Say Solomon was aged anywhere between 16 and 21 by 1727, then he was born between 1706 and 1711. I'd say his parents, John Alston and Mary Clark were married closer to 1710 than to 1700 - which makes the John b. 1673 in England a little old to be the John of N. C., but, of course, does not exclude John of England, entirely. The date and place of birth of John Alston is not known; the place and date of his marriage is also unknown, as is the exact year he settled in N. C. Neither do we know when or where his wife, Mary Clark, was born, and even her name is based on tradition.

Groves, however, stated without question, that Mary Clark was daughter of John Clark and wife Mary Palin; that Mary Palin was daughter of the John Palin who died 16 Aug. 1737, granddaughter of Henry Palin Jr. who died 30 Jan. 1699, and great-granddaughter of Henry Palin Sr., who witnessed the will of the foregoing John Clarke in 1689. In Groves' words: "...the tradition that has been carefully and minutely transmitted, 'that his wife [John Alston's wife Mary Clark - Editor] was left an orphan, and an only child, living at her home, constantly attended by a faithful old negro woman, who had nursed her in infancy, and continued to wait upon and serve her until her marriage'...." This researcher has proven that Mary Clark, wife of John Alston, was not a daughter of John & Mary (Palin) Clark!

The will of John Clarke was dated 30 May 1689, and probated 27 July, probably same year (Grimes, p. 73). He named his wife Mary, daughter Mary, and made provisions "in case my lawfull wife Mary Clark should prove with child by mee..." Also gave instructions in case his daughter Mary died before age of eighteen. Incidentally, Mary Palin was a daughter of Henry Palin, Sr., and not a great-granddaughter as Groves stated. No further record of Mary (Palin) Clarke's daughter Mary has been found; it is presumed that she died young. Neither is there any record of a second child being born to John & Mary (Palin) Clarke.

Mary (Palin) Clark(e), widow of John Clark(e), remained a widow for twenty years, more or less, marrying in 1709/10 to a Quaker minister, Joseph Glaister (ENCY. OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY, Vol. I, p. 140 - by Wm Wade Hinshaw, 1936), as recorded by Pasquotank Monthly Meeting, Pasquotank Co., N. C. These same Quaker records show that Mary, wife of Joseph Glaister, died 5 of 6 Mo. 1740, aged 74 (Hinshaw gave her age as 47, a typographical error; original records gave her age as 74).

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Thus Mary (Palin) Clarke Glaister was born in or near the year 1666, and aged about 23 when her first husband, John Clarke, died, and about 43/4 when she married Joseph Glaister (he was born 1673 and died 1718 - Hinshaw Vol. I, p. 99). Mary had two daughters by Joseph Glaister, Ruth who married c1729 Stephen Scott, and Sarah who married c1728/9 Wike Hunnicutt (Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.).

Mary (Palin) Clarke Glaister left a will dated 9 of 4 Mo. (June) 1740, and probated October 1740. She meticulously made bequests to numerous friends, many Palin relatives, but named only two children, her daughters Ruth and Sarah. (Original will in the Archives.) Needless to say, no Alstons were named, yet this Mary was, according to Groves, the grandmother to all of John Alston's children! Groves further stated that the Mary Clark who was widow of the John Clark (who d. c1689) was joint-administratrix upon the estate of Mary Glaister in 1740 - when, in reality, the two Marys were one and the same person! Mary Glaister in her will, 1740, did name as executors (executrixes) her two cousins, Sarah Palin and Mary Clark, however, this Mary Clark was named as cousin earlier in the will, and her full name was Mary Clark Palin. This will should be ample proof that Mary Clark, wife of John Alston, was not a daughter of John & Mary (Palin) Clarke. Recall that Mary Clark who married John Alston had a mother who died and left her daughter to be reared by a Negro slave! Mary (Palin) Clarke Glaister died aged 74! (There was a Phillip Clarke in Surry Co., Va., 1669; if the Alstons and Clarks did come from Surry Co., Va., possibly this Phillip Clarke is related and could account for the name Phillip in the Alstons.)

John and Mary (Clark) Alston had, among their children, a son Joseph John Alston, who is said to have married as his first wife one Elizabeth Chancy, daughter of William Chancy and wife Deborah, daughter of Jeremiah Symons, all Quakers of Pasquotank Co., N. C. The wife of Joseph John Alston may well have been named Elizabeth Chancy, Chancey, or Chauncey; but she definitely was not the Elizabeth who was daughter of William and Deborah (Symons) Chancy of Pasquotank Co., N. C. Again, the name of Elizabeth Chancy or Chauncey is based solely upon tradition. And again, Groves, or whoever did his genealogical research here in N. C. records, latched upon data without following through to either prove or disprove his contentions.

The records of Pasquotank Monthly Meeting (Quaker), Pasquotank Co., N. C., show that William Chancey married in 1700 (left at liberty to marry on 2 of 11 Mo. 1700) to Deborah Simons (Symons), and their first child was a daughter Elizabeth who was born 2 of 10 Mo. 1701. (Hinshaw, Vol. I, pp. 97, 134, 135) At Pasquotank Meeting House, on 9 of 1 Mo. 1725/6, Nathaniel Sutton of Perquimans County, married Elizabeth Chancey, of Pasquotank County. Among the witnesses to the marriage were: Wm Chancey, Jer. Symons, Daniel Chancey, Zachariah Chancey, John Symons, Wm Chancey (from original Quaker records at Guilford College). Parentage of this Elizabeth Chancey was not given in her marriage record,

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but that she was daughter of William and Deborah (Symons) Chancey, is proven by the wills of her brother and father. Will of Wm Chancy Jr., dated and probated 1736, Pasquotank Co., N. C. (Grimes, p. 68) named, among others, father William Chancy, sister Elizabeth Sutton, cousins (nieces & nephews) Joseph Sutton, Deborah Sutton. William Chancey (Sr.) left a will dated 1746 and probated 1749, Pasquotank Co., N. C. (Grimes, p. 69), in which he named, among others, grandchildren: Joseph Sutton and Deborah Sutton, Elizabeth (Chancy or Chancey) Sutton, widow of Nathaniel Sutton, and daughter of Wm & Deborah (Symons) Chancey, died in 1733, intestate, with Wm Chancey Jr. as the administrator of her estate (Administration Bonds, Archives, File No. SS17). All of which is sufficient proof that Elizabeth, wife of Joseph John Alston, was not identical with Elizabeth, daughter of William & Deborah (Symons) Chancy or Chancey. Recall that the tradition is that Elizabeth Chancey, wife of Joseph John Alston, was "of Virginia." Gideon Alston, grandson of Joseph John & Elizabeth (Chancey) Alston, named a daughter Elizabeth Chauncey Alston. Gideon also had a grandson named Gideon Chauncey Bobbitt. I have been unable to tie Elizabeth (Chancey or Chauncey) Alston in with the Chancy or Chancey family of Pasquotank Co., N. C., and doubt if there is any connection.

In summary, I have been unable to find any blood ties between the Alstons of Chowan Co., N. C., and the Quaker families of Chanc(e)y, Clark, Palin, and Symons of Pasquotank Co., N. C. Alstons and Alston descendants can no longer claim as their ancestors the following: John Clark, Mary Palin, Henry Palin Sr., Wm Chancey, Edmund Chancey, Deborah Symons, and Jeremiah Symons, as adequately proven by the data on the foregoing pages. And finally, the wife of Col. Philip Alston was not "Mary Drew Temple," as given by Groves, but was Temperance, daughter of Drew Smith (as proven by Halifax Co., N. C., Deed Book 17, page 278).

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## REVOLUTIONARY WAR MARKER

There is a D.A.R. marker in front of the courthouse at Hendersonville, N. C., county seat of Henderson County (formed 1838 from Buncombe Co.), listing "Revolutionary Soldiers Buried In Henderson County:"

William Capps  
William Senter  
James Johnson  
Samuel King  
James Brittain  
Elijah Williamson

John Peter Corn  
Joseph Henry  
Andrew Miller  
Abraham Kuykendall  
Jesse Rickman  
Rev. Joel Blackwell

Joseph McDowell Chap. D.A.R.

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## THE PHILLIP ALSTON LINE

The Alston family is an illustrious one; in colonial times, prominent in government and military affairs. They were large land and slave owners. Much information has been published on them in Dr. Groves book Alstons & Allstons of N C & S C, Wheeler's History of NC, NC Colonial Records, Boddie's 17th Cent. Isle of Wight Co. Va, History of Moore Co. NC by Rassie Wicker and The Alston - Williams - Boddie - Hilliard Society and more recently The Official History of Elbert Co, Ga by John H. McIntosh, with the Alston-Wilcox lineage by Edna Arnold, Genealogist(Fellow I.A.G.). Phillip Alston was more or less sluffed over in these publications, probably because of his reputation. They all show him married to Mary Drew Temple which is in error.

My problem deals with Phillip Alston and proving Temperance Alston, who married Benjamin Mitchell Griffin, as his daughter. Phillip<sup>4</sup> Alston was b c 1740 in Halifax Co. NC to Joseph John<sup>3</sup> Alston and his first wife Elizabeth Chancy.

Joseph J.<sup>3</sup> Alston, son of John<sup>2</sup> Alston and Mary Clark daughter of John Clark; was born c 1702 and died 1781 in Halifax Co. NC. He was a Justice of the Peace and a Member of the Assembly. His will written 5 Jan 1780, proved 1 Aug Court Halifax Co. NC 1781 reflects his large land and slave holdings. He names all of his children and some of his grandchildren. The will is six pages long, devising his property to his descendants.\* Children by his first wife, Elizabeth Chancy:

1. John<sup>4</sup> Alston b 1730 d 1781 Cpt RS \* land, slaves  
m Ann Hunt Macon, 17 Mar 1760, Halifax Co. NC.
  - a. Jos. John<sup>5</sup> Alston Col. RS, Jos. Hawkin's Cav.  
b 13 Jun 1763 d 10 Jan 1847 \* land  
m Esther Wright, Sis/o Eliz. w/o Willis<sup>4</sup> Alston

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- I. John<sup>6</sup> Alston m Betty Wilcox
- II. Joseph<sup>6</sup> Alston m Louisa Thomas
- III. Nancy<sup>6</sup> Alston m 1. Hill 2. Dr. Goodloe

His application for Rev. Pension was filed 1832 #6.498 in which he gives date of birth. His final payment gave death. He states he lived for a time with a son in Tenn. Affidavit to his service is signed by Rev. Thos. Wilcox who m Martha T<sup>6</sup> Alston.

b. Gideon<sup>5</sup> Alston, State Sen. 1805-06

m Frances Atherton

c. Willis<sup>5</sup> Alston Member of Congress 1799-1815 & 1825-31. m 2. Sallie Madaline d/o Joshua Potts, Smithville, NC. Issue:

- I. Charles J.<sup>6</sup> Alston
- II. Ariellah<sup>6</sup> Alston m Col. James B. Hawkins
- III. Leonidas<sup>6</sup> Alston to Marengo Co. Al.
- IV. Missouri F.<sup>6</sup> Alston m Archibald Davis Alston
- V. Edgar<sup>6</sup> Alston d 10 Apr 1837

d. Robert West<sup>6</sup> Alston b 2 Mar 1781 d 1859

m Henrietta Green b 24 May 1784 m 25 Sep 1800

I. William<sup>6</sup> Alston

b 8 Aug 1801 d 17 Dec 1803

II. Daniel Guston<sup>6</sup> Alston b 4 Oct 1802 d 20 Aug 1803

III. Willis<sup>6</sup> Alston, Sparta, Ga

b 17 Jun 1803 d 12 Dec 1841

m Elizabeth Sarah d/o Rev John Howard  
18 Dec 1828

IV. Augustus<sup>6</sup> Alston, Sparta, Ga b 6 Oct 1805

m Mary H. d/o James Hawkins, 19 Nov 1829

V. Henrietta Green<sup>6</sup> Alston, Sparta, Ga

b 23 Aug 1807

m Augustus H. Kenan 19 Jun 1828

VI. Robert<sup>6</sup> Alston b 31 Mar 1810 d 17 Jan 1811

VII. Ann H.<sup>6</sup> Alston b 30 Jan 1811



m John F. Floyd 3 Dec 1829

VIII. Gideon<sup>6</sup> Alston b 13 Apr 1813 d 12 Dec 1829

IX. Caroline<sup>6</sup> Alston b 22 Aug 1815

m 7 Jan 1835 Samuel Reid

X. Angelica<sup>6</sup> Alston b 12 Nov 1816

m Col. Jos. L. Cooper 25 Feb 1834

A. Robert Cooper

B. Ann G. Cooper

C. Jos. L. Cooper, Jr.

D. Martha Cooper

E. Sophia Cooper

XI. Sarah Clementina<sup>6</sup> Alston

b 2 May 1818 d 14 Oct 1842

m John E. Bacon 24 May 1837

XII. Philoclea<sup>6</sup> Alston b 20 Mar 1820

m Gov. David S. Walker, Fl. 24 May 1842

A. Phillip Walker

B. David Walker

C. Florida M Col. Hugh Fisher

D. Augustus Walker

e. Priscilla J.<sup>5</sup> Alston

f. Ann Hunt<sup>5</sup> Alston

2. Phillip<sup>4</sup> Alston Col. NC Militia RS \* slaves

b c 1740 Halifax Co. NC d 28 Oct 1791 Washington Co. Ga.

killed by unknown assailant. m Temperance Smith d/o Drew Smith of Scotland Neck, Halifax Co. NC. It was erroneously recorded in several books and records that he married Mary Drew Temple. This is disproved by the will of Drew Smith and the sale of land Temperance inherited in it by Phillip Alston, with James, their son breaking the entailment. (More on Phillip later.)

3. Martha<sup>4</sup> Alston "Polly" \* slaves

b Halifax Co. NC d 1814-15

m James Meroney he is on the 1790 Census of Wilkes Co. Ga

a. Elizabeth Meroney

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- b. Margaret Meroney
- c. Elizabeth Meroney
- d. Nancy Meroney
- e. Rachel Meroney
- f. Fanny Meroney
- g. Cynthis Meroney

James Meroney sued Phillip Alston's estate in Montgomery Co. Ga. 26 May 1800 resulting in sale of land on Oconee River Alston heirs. (Further details under Phillip Alston)

4. William<sup>4</sup> Alston was clk. of Court Chatham Co, NC \*slaves
  - b Halifax Co. NC d
  - m Sarah Yeargan
    - a. John Joseph<sup>5</sup> Alston \*land
    - b. William Chancy<sup>5</sup> Alston \* land
    - d. Samuel Yeargan<sup>5</sup> Alston
    - d. Orondates<sup>5</sup> Alston
    - e. Mary Ann<sup>5</sup> Alston
    - f. Nancy Ann<sup>5</sup> Alston m cousin Robert Palmer

Joseph John<sup>3</sup> Alston and 2nd wife Euphan Wilson (b c 1728 Norfolk Co. Va d/o Willis Wilson, House of Burgess, wife Mary d/o Jeremiah Simons) Issue:

5. Willis<sup>4</sup> Alston Col. RS, Member Assembly, Mem. Constitutional Convention, 1776. \* land & slaves
  - b 1750 Halifax Co. NC. Will 31 Oct 1819 Hillsboro, NC
  - m Elizabeth Wright c 1780 (Eliz. d 23 Mar 1823 Edenton, NC)
    - a. Thomas P.<sup>5</sup> Alston b 1780 d c 1816
      - m Chamblis
    - b. Joseph John<sup>5</sup> Alston (Gen. Jack) d 1 Apr 1831 NC
      - m Margaret B. Thomas Oct 1802. Illegitimate daughter of Ann Jackson by Rev. Micajah Thomas. She had two sisters Mourning married James Branch and Temperance married James W. Alston. They are named in Micajah Thomas' will that was embroiled in a lawsuit which went to NC Supreme Court July Term 1810. (Vol 5 NC



Court Report p.250 "Alston vs Branch"; and July Term 1818 NC Supreme Court Vol 6 Court Report p. 233)\*land & slaves.

- I. Dr. William<sup>6</sup> Alston
- II. Dr. James W.<sup>6</sup> Alston
- III. Annie L.<sup>6</sup> Alston
- IV. Bessie<sup>6</sup> Alston
- V. Dr. Kemp<sup>6</sup> Alston
- VI. Col. Thomas<sup>6</sup> Alston
- VII. Blake<sup>6</sup> Alston
- VIII. Mjr. Willis<sup>6</sup> Alston
- XI. Sally Norfleet<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1823 d 1873  
m Marion Sander b 1806 SC d 1873 s/o Wm & Eunice (Garner) Sanders
- c. James Wright<sup>5</sup> Alston b NC m Temperance Thomas sister of Margaret Thomas Illegit. daughter of Ann Jackson and Micajah Thomas - see above entry. Issue:
  - I. Willis<sup>6</sup> Alston b c 1816 d 1889 Leesburg, Fl  
m Mary Gordon
  - II. Spencer<sup>6</sup> Alston b d 1889 DeSota Par. La.  
m Mrs. David Sills
  - III. Dr. John H.<sup>6</sup> Alston b d 1872  
m Virginia R. Sills, Steaksville, Ms. stepdau. of Spencer Alston
  - IV. Julia<sup>6</sup> Alston b d 1873  
m Dr. Samuel Norton, Montgomery, Al. 1838
  - V. Col. Micajah Thos. Jos.<sup>6</sup> Alston b 4 Feb 1818  
d 21 Aug 1865 m Martha Eliz. Allen d/o David B. & Lucretia on 14 Nov 1839
    - A. Temperance<sup>7</sup> Alston b 14 Feb 1841 d nm
    - B. Emma V.<sup>7</sup> Alston b 15 Jan 1842 d 18 Jun 1908 m Samuel Beckwith 14 Nov 1866
    - C. Spencer A.<sup>7</sup> Alston b 19 Jun 1843 d 11 Apr 1905 La. nm
    - D. Christopher<sup>7</sup> Alston b 21 Aug 1845

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- m Lucie Gootch 20 Aug 1878
- E. Josephus Daniel<sup>7</sup> Alston b 19 Nov 1848  
d 29 Aug 1886 m Elizabeth Holland Tally  
14 Jul 1872
- F. James<sup>7</sup> Alston b 20 Jul 1850 La. m  
Belle Wright 9 Feb 1880
- G. Ella<sup>7</sup> Alston b 21 Sep 1853 la d 20  
Sep 1884
- H. Willis C.<sup>7</sup> Alston b 6 Apr 1855 La m  
Annie Gooch 20 Nov 1893
- I. Jesse Faulson<sup>7</sup> Alston b 14 Feb 1857 dy
- J. Adelaide<sup>7</sup> Alston b 21 Aug 1859 dy
- VI. Martha T.<sup>6</sup> Alston m 1. Dr. Shell 2. Rev. Thos  
Wilcox - gave affidavit to Jos.J.<sup>5</sup> Alston  
Rev. Service
- VII. Nancy<sup>6</sup> Alston m John Sanders, SC
- d. Henry<sup>5</sup> Alston m Long, Halifax, NC
- e. Jane<sup>5</sup> Alston, Jenny, m Littleberry Wilcox
- f. Fannie<sup>5</sup> Alston m Robert Wood Hamlin 23 Oct 1799
- g. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Alston m Arthur Arrington, Washington C, NC
6. Henry<sup>4</sup> Alston, Warren Co. NC \*land & slaves  
b 1753 d m Sarah Hill Issue:  
a. Sarah Mason<sup>5</sup> Alston  
b. Elizabeth T.W.<sup>5</sup> Alston  
c. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Alston
7. Mary<sup>4</sup> Alston \*slaves  
b 1756 d m William Palmer Issue:  
a. Robert Palmer m Nancy Ann<sup>5</sup> Alston d/o Wm<sup>4</sup> &  
Sarah Yeargan Alston
8. Euphan Wilson<sup>4</sup> Alston \* slaves  
b 1761 d m John Cooper 1779 \*land. Issue:  
a. John Batte Cooper  
b. Henry Cooper  
c. James Cooper  
d. Mary Cooper



- e. Susan Cooper  
 f. Euphan Cooper

9. Joseph John<sup>4</sup>Alston (Chatham Jack) \*land & slaves  
 b 15 Mar 1767 d 28 Apr 1841. b Halifax Co moved to Chatham  
 m Martha Kearney 1 Jun 1791; d/o Phillip Kearney & Eliz.  
 Kinchen. gr.d/o Sarah<sup>3</sup>Alston Kearney, sister of Jos.J<sup>3</sup>  
 Issue:

- a. John Jones<sup>5</sup>Alston b 17 Mar 1792 d 1842  
 m Adeline Williams
  - b. Elizabeth Kinchen<sup>5</sup>Alston b 19 Oct 1793  
 m Samuel Spencer Jackson 18 Mar 1813
  - c. Margaret W.<sup>5</sup>Alston b 26 Nov 1795 d  
 m Carney Cotton
  - d. Martha<sup>5</sup>Alston b 26 Nov 1795 d m Jack Mebane
  - e. George Washington<sup>5</sup>Alston b 13 Nov 1799 d
  - f. Nathaniel Macon<sup>5</sup>Alston b 15 Dec 1801 d 2 Jan 1856  
 m Patsy K. Williams
  - g. Emiline Euphon<sup>5</sup>Alston b 8 Jan 1804 d
  - h. Gideon<sup>5</sup>Alston b 9 Sep 1806 d  
 m Evelyn(ine) Alston, cousin
  - i. Dr Robert Wm.P.<sup>5</sup>Alston b 24 Aug 1809 d  
 m Ann Maria Alston, cousin
  - j. Philip Kearney<sup>5</sup>Alston m Ann Harwell
  - k. Joseph John<sup>5</sup>Alston m l. Parmelia DeGraeffenreidt
2. Decimus Palmer 4 Dec 1839

Phillip<sup>4</sup>Alston, 2nd son of Jos.John<sup>3</sup>Alston grew up in Halifax  
 Co. NC and m. Temperance Smith daughter of Drew Smith of Scotland  
 Neck, Halifax Co.NC. Drew Smith's will dated 22 Feb 1762, probated  
 Mar. 1762, Halifax Co, in which he devises slaves and land to his  
 wife Elizabeth and four daughters: Priscilla, Millea, Temperance  
 and Ann. It is entailed with clause "and heirs of their body  
 legally begotten.." He names his brothers-in-law Arthur and William  
 Bryant Executors. The will was barely a few weeks old when  
 probated. No husbands for the four daughters are named, so it must

have been after Mar. 1762, that the daughters married.

The Smiths were members of the Church of England but no marriage records have been found. Phillip Alston was a professed atheist having proclaimed there was no God, Scriptures were set forth as scarecrow to children. Later in life he had refused permission for Temperance to have Prayer Meetings in their home even when he was away. I have not found a Marriage Bond for them either.

The first official records I find on Phillip Alston are in Ga. In Colonial Records of State of Ga Vol.IX p. 392: Aug.1765, Read petition of Philip Alston setting forth he had been 3 years in Province had no land granted, having a wife and 5 negros. Praying for 150 acres Savannah River place called Boggy Gut, St.Paul's Par.

p. 651: Oct 1766. Read petition of Phillip Alston setting forth that he had been several years in the Province from NC. Had 250 acres and desirous of additional tract having wife and 9 negros. There were 4 Phillip Alstons in NC in this time period. Phillip, son of Solomon and Ann Hinton. This Phillip moved to Natchez Dist. He also appears in W.Fla. records as a Loyalist. Phillip Alston, brother of Jos. John Alston lived and died in Warren Co. NC. He had 2 sons named Phillip, one died young and Phillip G. Alston b 1762 would be too young. This leaves Phillip son of Jos. John Alston. Phillip states he was 3 years in the Province in 1765, which gives us 1762, the year Temperance Smith Alston's father Drew Smith died in Halifax Co.NC. If we are correct in saying Phillip was born c 1740 he would then be 22 years old. His father stated in his will he had previously given Phillip slaves. It was the usual practice to give land and or slaves to children as they reached their majority and or married. And here we find Phillip with a wife and slaves petitioning for land in Georgia. This widens the search for record of their marriage by two states!

In early 1770s Phillip moves to Cumberland Co.NC. On Oct 15, 1772



George Blair and Samuel Johnston sell Philip Alston 4,00 acres of land in Horse Shoe Bend of Deep River. Alston had previously bought 220 acres adjoining this land and by 1777 owned 6936, as shown on Cumberland Co. list of taxables for 1777. In 1789 & 1790 he sold tracts south of Horse Shoe Bend to his son James.

The house he built in the Horseshoe still stands and is a NC Historic Site. The House is typical 18th Cen. plantation house with large chimneys on each side and central hall plan, with second story. Good detail on doorways and some interior woodwork. Splendid fireplaces. It still bears the scars of large bullet holes around doors and some of the windows from the skirmish with Col. David Fanning during his seige.

Phillip Alston seemed to thrive on controversy and turmoil. There are many entries in NC Colonial Records pertaining to him:

In Vol. XXI on the "Account of Balances due from individuals to State of NC in Books of Comptrollers' Office: Phillip Alston, Judgment L 142 13 4.

In Vol. IX for Feb. 1773, James Ranson Jr was sent as Sgt-at-arms of the House to apprehend Philip Alston, Gunsmith, who was suspected of counterfeiting Debenture Bills of this Province.

In Apr 1776 the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the state and arrangement of Militia in this province. For Cumberland Co: Alexander McAlister, Col., Ebenezer Fulsom, Lt Col. David Smith 1st Majr, Philip alston 2nd Mjr, were appointed.

Fights between neighbors whose loyalties were opposing occured frequently in this area and were vicious and bloody. There were a lot of personal vendettas too.

Alston filed a petition stating he had been greatly injured by the

Tories, particularly Capt. Muse and prayed relief for loss of a horse, mare and guns.

In April 1776 Phillip was made 1st Mjr. and elected Justice of Peace for his County. Phillip Alston, Robert Rowan, William Rand and Robert Cobb were four members for Cumberland County to take their seats in Congress on Tues. Nov 19, 1776. He was given leave of absence Wed. Dec 4 1776 from sitting of congress to serve on a commission to hear grievances of Militia on wages and lack of rations against Col. Folsume. By the end of 1776 he was appointed Commissioner with Robert Rowan, Jeduthan Harpe in charge of iron works and started negotiations for purchase of same from John Wilcox(future father-in-law of James Alston) and William England, with a blast furnace for casting cannon balls and such other castings the committee find necessary. They reported a large body of rich ore pit coal and hearth stone within 8 or 10 miles of the furnace.

Robert Rowan wrote a letter from Cross Creek, Cumberland Co NC in Sep 1777(Pub. in NC Col. Records Vol XI) complaining about the evil conduct of Militia Officers and Justices. He was particularly offended at Connor Dowd being taken prisoner by Mr Alston and charged with treasonable practices. Knowing Alston's position well, he was afraid there was perhaps some private pique or resentment in the case, or the crime must be great indeed on being informed that bail was denied him. Mr Alston would not tell him of any particulars but if upon examination the Justices should discharge him, he would then on his own authority put him in close jail and not give bail for 100,000 L. "If he did this, I told him, he would behave like a tyrant," which threw him into a violent passion.

"At the trial at Wilmington it plainly appeared that personal resentment and malice governed the conduct of Mr Alston during the whole prosecution. The day of the General Muster he behaved still more like a tyrant, tendering the oath to people under arms, threatening all those with immediate imprisonment that refused or



not able to give security. He appointed a man as Captain who has hid himself in time of danger without giving us the liberty to choose our own Captain. They have marked me as a Tory and all my friends. Mr Alston seems to rule them all, and a greater tyrant is not upon earth according to his power and it is much to be lamented, that about two or three years ago, no gentleman that had the least regard for his character would have kept this hectoring, domineering person company."

In 1778 Phillip Alston is appointed Lt.Col. Cumberland Co. and at this time Phillip was granted a leave of absence from the General Assembly to go on active duty with the Militia.

General John Ashe wrote a letter to Gov. Caswell from Camp, Zubley's Ferry(Ga, Savannah River) 17 Mar 1779, describing their march from Charleston to Purisburg to Augusta and the Battle of Briar Ceek, on the Savannah River, with the British Army. He reports that Col Alston and two Captains were taken prisoner.

In Delamars Revolutionary War Pension Abstracts it is stated that Col. Alston was put on board a British prison ship for a considerable time. He and another prisoner made their escape and swam ashore. They found a sheep mired down in the swamp and ate part of it.

In Sep 1780 a letter was written to Gov. Nash by Robert Cochran and Edward Winslow stating that "by the removal of Col. Phillip Alston to a considerable distance from Cumberland Co, and the resignation of Lt.Col. Matthews the Office of Col. and LtCol. of the Militia were vacant and at this critical period there was need to nominate two gentlemen to fill the offices during their absence." Major James Emmitt was appointed Col. with him to approve a LtCol.

The Alfred Moore Chapter DAR unveiled a marker at House in the Horseshoe on Deep River, commemorating the skirmish on July 29,

1781 between Militia under Col. Philip Alston and Tories under Col. David Fanning. Assoc. Justice W.J. Adams of Supreme Court was Speaker and related:

"Philip Alston had called his militiamen to active duty to meet at his house. About 16 had gathered when Col. Fanning appeared with 100 men and laid seige, having learned of the meeting. A British Officer was with Fanning and was determined to charge the house instead of the sniper firing which was underway. He mounted the fence behind which some of Fanning's men had taken refuge, and ordered a charge. He was killed by a single shot fired from the house. This ended any thought of a charge.

The house was well supplied with food and ammunition since Alston was Comm. of Ironworks and Gunsmith. There were several slaves present, Mrs Alston with her young children as well as the Militiamen. Other men were expected at any time and Fanning was getting desperate. Mrs Alston had put a table in one of the fireplaces and had placed several of her children on it, with a slave girl to watch over them, for protection from the flying bullets.

Col. Fanning ordered his men to load a wagon with hay and they were maneuvering it toward the house with intent to fire it when Mrs Alston emerged from the house carrying a white flag of truce, to arrange surrender and requesting free passage for all persons inside and a promise to spare the house. Col. Fanning was so impressed by her courage and bearing that he gave his word."

Although the house was spared, the contents were ransacked, mattresses split open, desks and cabinets emptied, personal effects scattered and stolen. Whether looking for money, papers of military nature or malicious mischief is not known. Col. Alston was placed under house arrest.

In a letter written from Chatham Co. NC Courthouse to Brig. Gen. Butler from Mjr. Roger Griffith on 2 Mar 1782 he states the opinion of the people in general is that Col. Fanning, Loyalist, is gaining ground fast. "A Cpt. Walker was at Col. Alston's and says he has a Commission and fresh orders to swear all he can capture at a moment's warning; in case of refusal, nothing but instant death. Indeed they are not satisfied with the lives of men but fall to cutting and barbarously murdering women. We are destitute of both arms and ammunition. Unless a formidable body of troops is stationed in the upper part of this County for sometime they will be the strongest party. If they have not a British Post to drag down prisoners and put them in prison they seemed determined to take a shorted method of putting them out of the way."

"I am in hopes you will consider our alarming situation and hope something will immediately be done for speedy suppression of these lawless villians."

The other side of the coin is given in a letter written to Gov. Burke by Gen. Ramsey and others from Camp at McFall's Mill, Raft Swamp 22 Jul. 1781 "Sir; on Tues. last we were captured at Chatham Courthouse by a party under command of Col. David Fanning, which party we found consisted of persons who complained of greatest cruelties, either to their persons or property, some had been unlawfully drafted, others had been whipped and ill-treated, without trial; others had their houses burned and all their property plundered and barbarous and cruel murders had been committed in their neighborhoods. The Officer they complain of are, Mjr. Neal, Capt. Robertson of Bladen, Capt. Crump, Col. Wade and Phil. Alston, the latter a day or two ago a few miles in our rear took a man on the road and put him to instant death, which has incensed the Highlanders. We expect to be delivered to Mjr. Craig at Wilmington in two or three days. All we ask is that the perpetrators of such horrid deeds may be brought to tryall, that prisoners may be well treated in future."



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According to laws of NC - 1784 an act was passed for dividing Cumberland Co. into two distinct counties. Article IV of this enactment appointed Philip Alston and four others to act as Commissioners and were empowered for erecting and building a Courthouse, prison and stocks for use of said County of Moore.

In Feb, 1785 Philip Alston is elected to State Senate and names George Glassock as Clerk of Court until James Alston (his Son) is of age to serve.

While on active duty Philip Alston took as prisoner, Thomas Taylor, a Tory. On the way into town the prisoner is killed. Citizens of the County called for an investigation. The following account is given in NC State Records: "From the testimony of John Carrol, Esq. and Mr John Kendrick, taken on oath before you Commission, it appears that Thomas Taylor had long been and continued to be an Enemy to this State, and was actually guilty of misprision of Treason for a few minutes before, if not at the very instant he fell in the rencounter with Col. Philip Alston. That the said Alston then commanded a Corps of Militia in the service of this State for the express purpose of suppressing the Tories, the situation of the County, (Gen. Greene being at that time under the necessity of retreating before the British Army) and every circumstance considered Your Committee are of opinion that Col.Philip Alston should not be brought to tryal on account of the death of Thomas Taylor and they beg leave to suggest that recommendation from the Honbl. General Assembly to his Excellency the governor to-issue a pardon to the said Col. Alston would be the best method to close the enquiry. Griffith Rutherford Chn, (Kenneth Black met same fate as Taylor as Alston's prisoner.)

Dissentient filed by John Hay, A.Maclaine, Hu.Williamson, Enoch Sawyer. Adjourned Monday 26 Dec 1785

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Friday Dec.1 1786 Your Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Henry Lightfoot, Esq, after duly considering the matter and things contained therein, and also of the allegations set forth in the Deposition of George Glascock, and after hearing the representation of Capt. Coxe, a member of the present Gen. Assembly, find that Mr Philip Alston stands indicted at the superior Court of the District of Wilmington for Murder, and that he is now bound by his securities to appear at the ensuing term, that the election or statement of the Poll stands as represented in the Memorial aforesaid. It also appears to your Committee by the affidavit of George Glascock, that the said Alston did make use of sundry threats that if Henry Lightfoot aforesaid should be elected in preference to him, he would raise a riot, but your Committee do not find that any was raised. It further appears to your Committee that the said Philip Alston hath frequently declared that he believed there was no God, and that the Scriptures were set forth as a Scare-Crow to children, and that he endeavored to corrupt the conductors of the elections. This your Committee have thought proper to state, and leave it to the honorable House to determine thereon.           Isaac Gregory, Chn.

The House taking the foregoing report into consideration, Resolved, that Mr Philip Alston was not eligible to a seat in the Gen. Assembly at the time of his election, that his seat therefore be vacated, and that a writ of election issue to the county of Moore for the electing some person properly qualified so sit and vote in the House, and such election be held on Friday and Saturday the 15th & 16th days of Dec.

In 1785 George Glascock as Clerk of Court wrote into Moore County Minutes of the "abusive treatment by Philip alston as he sat as Justice".

In 1786 James Alston (son of Philip) is named Clerk of Court Moore Co.

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In 1787 George Glascock runs against Alston for Senate but is defeated.

In Aug. 1787 Philip has a party and invites his neighbors. While festivities are under way, he sends his slave Dave to murder George Glascock.

Dave is apprehended and Alston puts up bond. Dave escapes and Alston forfeits bond. Phillip is arrested and taken to jail in Wilmington.

It must have been about this time that Phillip and Temperance sell the house on Horse Shoe Bend. The deed is not recorded however, until 1791 Minute Book A Moore Co. NC. The same date James Alston qualified as Administrator of Phillip Alston's Estate. When the deed was signed was not recorded. Note: Moore Co. was cut out of Cumberland Co. in 1784. The Court House burned in 1889. Only some of the Minute Books exist.

On 29 Apr. 1789 Philip Alston sells the property in Halifax Co. NC left to Temperance in her father's (Drew Smith) will, to Ashel Brunson. Temperance must have died about this time since she did not sign with him. The property is entailed.

Halifax Co Bk 17 1784 -1796 Real Estate Conveyances p. 278 has this entry: Know all men by these presents that I James Alston of Moore Co. NC being the eldest son and heir of Philip Alston & Temperance Alston his wife, for a consideration of five shillings sterling money and for sundry other good causes and motions which moved me thereunto. Have remitted, released and forever quit claim, unto Ashael Brunson of Halifax Co. & State aforesaid all manner of right, claim, title, interest and demand whatsoever which I heretofore had and ever have or might or should have to any part of a tract or parcel of land, lying in Halifax Co & said state, on the south side of Roanoak River (near to Scotland Neck) which said land



was willed by Drew Smith decd to his daughter Temperance Smith, who intermarried with the above Phillip Alston said land since conveyed by the said Phillip Alston unto Asahel Brunson by deed bearing date the 29 April 1789 and now in the possession of said Asahel Brunson & the said James Alston do for myself & heirs relinquish unto the said Asahel Brunson his heirs executors administrators etc forever the above mentioned land and premises and for myself and heirs do warrant and defend said land unto him the said Asahel Brunson, his heirs as in witness whereof I the said James Alston have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this sixth day of Jan. one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Jno. Bell, Jr James Alston Seal

S. Rutland Halifax Co. Sat Feb Sessions 1791, then this deed of release was exhibited in open Court duly proved by the oath of Shadrock Rutland a witness thereto and on motion ordered to be registered. Dist. Wootten CC.

Registered in my office this 9th day of March 1791 pr. L. Long. P.R.  
(Phillip is still alive at this time)

From another descendant of Phillip Alston, Mrs Henrietta Cragon, Austin, Tx. I received the following deed. This is the only reference I have ever seen on Drew/Drury Alston!

Deed Book 5, p. 178, Randolph Co. NC This indenture made this 14th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1794 between Edmond Waddill of the State of NC and Co. of Randolph of the one part and James John Phillip Drury Smith Alston heirs of Phillip Alston decd of the State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that we and each of us do hereby acknowledge ourselves content with the sale of a certain tract or parcel of same said to the said Waddle by our Father Phillip Alston the 30th day of May 1789 and that by these presents have received one hundred and fifty pounds specie it being the full price of the said land; also full pay for a parcel of land sold to the said Waddle by James Alston on the north side of Deep River the

Bound of bouth are as followeth: to wit beginning at a persimmon tree on the River at Nall's corner then along his line nearly north to William Bowdoin's line then along his line crossing the River to the old line of Wm. Search decd. thence south along said line to a branch Wm. Argaistine thence down the branch to the River thence down the River to the first Station, containing two hundred acres more or less together with all the appurtenances there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the said land as ??? to him the said Edmond Waddell his heirs and assigns forever and we the James John Phillip Drury Smith Alston do by these presents covenant and agree that we will warrant and forever defend the said land and appurtenances to the said Edmond Waddell his heirs and assigns forever against ourselves and each of us or any other person or persons whatsoever in witness whereof we have hereunto set ourselves the day and date above written.

Test. Thos. Waddill

James Alston

Murdock McKensey

John Alston

In Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore Co., NC by Rassie E. Wicker on page 451: Following his escape from the Wilmington jail in November, 1790, Philip Alston did not again appear in Moore or Cumberland counties. (Phillip Alston had been arrested in connection with the murder of George Glascock, by his slave Dave and Dave's disappearance). In Nov. 1791 his eldest son, James, qualified as Administrator of his estate.

Two documents from the Georgia State Archives, the contents of which resolves the question of the fate of this man:

Letter from Jared Irwin and John Watts dated October 28, 1791 at Washington Co., Ga, addressed to Edward Telfair, Gov.:

Sir; We just received a letter from Capt. Benj. Harrison who lives on the Oconey River below the mouth of Buckeye informing us that this morning about Brake of day Col. Alston who lived near him was killed by a gun that was fired through the house as he lay in bed

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though know person was discovered to do it. The Capt. is of the opinion that it was some white person that had ill against Alston.

We are Sir your Humblest Servants

Jared Irwin

John Watts

P.S. I parted with Col. Alston sumtime after night last evening near Col. Irwin's he informed me his life was threatened, though he was groggy. I am Sir, yours,

John Watts

Proclamation by Gov. Telfair:

GEORGIA:

Telfair

By His Excellency Edward  
Governor & Commander-in-Chief

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas information has been received that early in the morning of the 28th inst., Philip Alston of the Co. of Washington was, at his place of residence "killed by a gun that was fire through the house as he lay in bed" by person unknown. I HAVE THEREFORE thought fit to issue this, my proclamation offering a reward of fifty Pounds to be provided out of the contingencies of the current year to be paid to such person or persons as may apprehend and secure the offender.

Seal, at State House Augusta this  
31 Oct. 1791"

Children of Phillip<sup>4</sup>Alston and his wife Temperance Smith follow. Information on son James Alston and his children was supplied in part by Mrs Olivia Mason, Ft. Worth,Tx. a descendant of James through his son John D. Alston. She has in her possession a Booklet A Sketch of the Life of Vernie Alston Gouger compiled from her Records, Writings and Family History by her daughter Naomie Gouger Russell, Pub. 1 Nov 1951. Mrs Mason Pub. 2nd Edition 1 June 1979. She is endeavoring to complete the documentation . She has kindly sent me a copy. The booklet is 20 pages with a pedigree chart in the back cover. There are foot notes on nearly every page and sources are sighted. Dates of Birth on James Alston and his



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children are the biggest problem.

Another Texan, Mrs Henrietta H. Cragon has furnished information on Phillip's son Phillip. Mrs Cragon is a descendant of a Winifred W. Alston, b 10 Feb 1781 m William Waddell 1798, d 6 Sep 1857 Denmark, Madison Co. Tn. Daughter of a Phillip Alston. Wm. Waddell is the son of the Edmond Waddill named in the Deed on p.17. A strong clue that this Winifred is another daughter of Phillip and Temperance Alston.

Phillip and Temperance Alston Issue:

- a. James<sup>5</sup> Alston b c 1764-5 d will prov 24 May 1841 Ms.  
m Mary "Polly" Wilcox d/o John and Rebecca Butler Wilcox of Cumberland Co.NC. m c 1791 NC
  - I. John Drew<sup>6</sup> Alston m Nancy Raines Wyche, Jones Co.Ga  
26 May 1819. 4 Child.Oldest, Phillip, b 1820 Fl.  
Ann died and he took Child. back to Ga. By 1836 he  
mov. to Tx. d c 1849 home of son Philip, Harrison Co.Tx
  - II. James<sup>6</sup> Alston Jr b c 1793. 1815 Wit.Father's deed  
1 Jan 1816 he is elected Sheriff Montgomery Co.Ga
  - III. Rebecca<sup>6</sup> Alston m Ed. Featherstone
  - IV. Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1796 d 1880 m Thos. Goodwin  
Mitchell 10 Dec 1816 Thomasville, Ga.
  - V. Phillip<sup>6</sup> Alston b c 1801 m to Ms then to Harrison Co.  
Tx. m 1828 Eliza M. Alston (cousin)
  - VI. William<sup>6</sup> Alston b c 1804 m Mary McLeod
  - VII. Margaret<sup>6</sup> Alston b c 1806 m Angus Gillis  
moved to Wyatt, Marshall Co, Ms. He owned Tavern
  - VIII. Ann Alston m Butrell mov. to Marshall Co.Ms.  
had sons: Willis and William Butrell
  - IX. Willis<sup>6</sup> Alston moved to Marshall Co.Ms
  - X. Drew<sup>6</sup> Alston m Sarah Hardin mov. Ms.
  - XI. Henry<sup>6</sup> Alston d Tx.
  - XII. Mary<sup>6</sup> Alston m Robert Wyche

James<sup>5</sup> Alston's date of birth is calculated from an entry in Moore Co. Court Records in which Philip announces he is resigning as Clerk of Court to run for State Representative and is appointing George Glasscock in his place until his son James is of age. James, according to Court Records was made Clerk of Court of Moore Co. NC in 1786.

James is shown on 1790 Moore Co. NC Census living alone with 3 slaves. His 4th child, Elizabeth was born in 1796, so he must have married about 1791 or 92. He moved with family and neighbors to Montgomery Co. Ga. sometime around 1797/8. Montgomery Co. was created from old Washington Co. in 1793.

Montgomery Co. Records show that in 1812 Court was held at James Alston's house near present town of Mt. Vernon. Today, near Mt. Vernon is a small town named Alston. James was elected state Senator in 1813, 1819, and 1825. He is not found in Record of Montgomery Co. Ga after this date. Telfair Co. records were burned. He was presumed dead. Mrs Mason has sent me his will recorded in Marshall Co. Ms, proven of oath of John Gillis, witness 24 May 1841. To my 10 eldest children \$10. with my love and blessings. Bequeath to my dau. Ann Butrell and her 2 children Willis and William land in town of Wyatt and slaves. Son Willis 1/2 plantation, money, slaves. Son Henry other 1/2 of plantation, slaves. Sons Phillip and James named Exe. Bal. of property to beloved wife. Wit. Volney Peel & John Gillis.

b. John<sup>5</sup> Alston. It is stated in some accounts that this John died in SC. But John Alston is witness to deeds in Montgomery Co. Ga. of James Alston. He also witnessed deed of Benjamin Mitchell Griffin and his wife Temperance Alston Griffin in this county in 1806. He is on Insolvent Tax List Montgomery Co. Ga -1808. Issue:

- I. Samuel
- II. James
- III. Mary

## IV. John

c. Phillip<sup>5</sup> Alston was reported in NC records as having moved to Tenn. He appears first in Ga. with his brothers and sister witnessing their deeds. He appears in Legal Notices, Augusta Chronicle & Gazette 1794-5. The last record I find on him in Ga. He was involved in a law suit in Morgan Co. Ga against Ludiwell Watts 8 Dec. 1823.

Mrs. Henrietta Cragon of Austin, Tx. has sent me information of this Phillip Alston, published by Bettie Fraine in W. Tenn Gen. Qtly Vol III # 3 Jul 1971 and the Alston-Johnston Cemetery Records of Denmark, Madison Co. Tn. He erected his toimestone before his death, showing date of birth 11 Dec 1778 NC d 11 Dec 1867. m Ann Ramsey d/o John & Sarah Birdsong, b 22 Nov 1783 d 24 May 1857. Issue

I. Fanny<sup>6</sup> Alston b 12 Jun 1802 d 7 Sep 1838 m 1. Geo.

Taylor 2. James Meriwether

II. Mary<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1804

III. Jane<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1806 d 4 Jan 1840 m Ben. Tyson

IV. John Ramsey<sup>6</sup> Alston b 20 Mar. 1808 NC d 8 Jan. 1870  
m 1. Lydia Ann Tyson 2. Eliza Strothers

V. James<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1810 d 2 Feb 1849 m 1. Jane Johnston  
2. Sarah Tyson McBride

VI. Ann Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1 Oct 1812 d 8 May 1839 m  
Oliver H. Pegues

VII. Temperance<sup>6</sup> Alston b 26 Apr. 1814 d 3 Nov. 1867 m  
1. John Johnston 2. L.C. Gillespie

VIII. William Dawson Alston b 12 Aug. 1816 d 12 Sep. 1838 m  
Edna Green

IX. Emily<sup>6</sup> Alston b 15 Jul 1818 d 28 Sep 1847 m  
James Johnston

X. Louisa<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1822 d 188- m James Fussell

XI. Philip<sup>6</sup> Alston b 1824 d 1895 m Susan Blakemore

XII. Mary Drew<sup>6</sup> Alston b 6 Mar 1826 d 11 Mar 1844 nm



d. Drew/Drury<sup>5</sup> Alston named in deed, Randolph Co. NC as heir of Philip Alston. See page 17. On 1805 Ga Land Lottery, Montgomery Co. Ga. Drury Alston, orphan of Phillip Alston, one draw - blank. Also, James Alston 2 draws both blank.

e. Mary Drew<sup>5</sup> Alston b 1784 d 1841 m Wm. Harris. Issue:  
I. Wm. Harris Jr.

II. Mary Harris

III. Sarah Harris m Albert J. Pickett

f. Temperance S. Alston b 16 Oct 1775 NC. d 10 Aug 1837. Information of Temperance and some of her children were given me by descendants of Rev Mahlon Bedell h/o dau. Linney Griffin. Temperance m Benjamin Mitchell Griffin 28 Jan 1796 Mar. Bond in Chatham Co. NC. Bondsmen: Wm. Thompson & Archibald McBryde. I have searched for years in Chatham Co NC for Temperance and Benjamin M. Griffin, and in surrounding counties to no avail. Since Phillip was murdered in Washington Co Ga in 1791 and since I find Benjamin Mitchell Griffin in Washington Co Ga as a Chain Carrier for surveyor 1784 -1793, they must have met there. After her father's murder Temperance must have gone back to NC to live with relatives until above marriage. They are later found in Montgomery and Telfair Cos. Ga. Benjamin Mitchell Griffin was named first Coroner of Telfair Co. when it was created in 1807 and James Alston was named Justice of the Inferior Court.

A Mitchell Griffin served in the War of 1812, serving a year and 9 months. This man was discharged at Darien, Ga. Down river from Telfair Co.

In Pioneer Days Along the Ocmulgee by Fussell M. Chalker we find living in and near the Temperance settlement in Telfair Co. Ga. William Griffin, Benjamin Mitchell Griffin and John Willcox, among others. This book also gives the

story of the Indian uprising and the death of several of the men while on active Militia Duty, including Capt. Benjamin Mitchell Griffin of the 9 March, 1818. Wounded were John Lawson, Moses Rountree, and Mark Willcox, son of John Willcox, Mary Willcox Alston's nephew.

I have not been able to determine all of Mitchell and Temperance Griffin's children. The 1820 Census for Telfair Co. Ga. shows her Head of household 178. Males: -10: 1, 10-16: 1. Females: -10:1, 10-16:2, 16-25:2, 26-45:0, 45+: 1 Slaves: Males: -14: 3, Females: -14: 1, 26-45: 2. Children:

I. Benjamin Mitchell Griffin, Jr

II. Richard Griffin b c 1814 m Mary Ann T. Guyton 29 Sep. 1839. Issue: (1850 Census)

A. Daniel Griffin b 1842

B. Mary Griffin b 1844

C. Moses Griffin b 1846

D. David Griffin b 1849

Living with him in 1850 is Benj. David Mitchell Bedell s/o Mahlon & Linney Griffin Bedell, his sis.

III. Temperance Griffin m Williams

IV. Mary C. Alston Griffin (from 3 Griffin Bibles, copies in my files) b 10 May 1808 Telfair Co. Ga. d 15 Jul 1846 m James Griffin, Jr 4 Sep 1823. Issue:

A. Elizabeth Temperance b 27 Aug 1824 Ga d 16 Aug 1836 Decatur Co Ga

See: B. Lucy M. b 7 Aug 1827 d 2 May 1856 m James Bradford Rodgers<sup>1</sup> 8 Sep 1847. Issue

Chart C. Lenn Mitchell<sup>2</sup> Oct 1829 Ga Lt CSA d 7 Aug 1891 Decatur Co Ga m Harriett Irene Lane<sup>3</sup> 18 Jan 1853 d/o Ben. Lane<sup>4</sup>. Issue

D. Wm Etheldred b 17 Oct 1832 m Margaret R. Gray 18 Jan 1857<sup>5</sup>

E. Marthy Winifred b 18 Aug 1833 Ga m J.B. Hamilton Bainbridge, Ga

1. Rodgers Will-Decatur Co. Ga Bk. B, 1850 Census 2. Died Intestate Decatur Co Ga-Deeds. Civil War Records. CW Letters. 3. Will of Harriet I. Griffin 1893 Decatur Co Ga 4. Ben Lane will Lowndes Co. Ga 1860 names children 5. Mar. License Decatur Co. Ga.

- F. James Brown b 15 Aug 1838 d 10 reb 1873
- G. Mary M. b 10 Oct 1840 m Thomas J. Jeter 24 Apr 1862
- H. Daniel Jefferson Bruton b 21 apr 1843 d 2 Feb 1859
- I. Amanda Jane Alston b 8 Dec 1845 d 8 Sep 1857  
Decatur Co Ga lived with her sister Lucy when  
Father m 2nd Nancy Thomas, Smith widow
- IV. Linney W. Griffin b 9 Apr 1817 Telfair Co Ga d 6  
Oct 1845 at Newton, Baker Co. Ga. m Rev. Mahlon  
Bedell 23 June 1833. Issue: (from Bedell Bible)
  - A. Benj. David Mitchell Bedell b 1835 joined  
CSA Army, taken prisoner d Dec 1862/Jan 1863
  - B. Richard Griffin Bedell b 29 Oct 1838 d 11  
Nov 1845 epidemic
  - C. Georgia Ann Bedell b 2 Dec 1841 m 1859 Capt  
Geo. McDonald, Bainbridge, Ga. d
  - D. Florida Jane Bedell b 2 Dec 1841 d May 1842  
Her obituary in the Southern Christian Advocate  
reads: "Died Oct 6, 1845 in 29th year of her age  
at Newton, Baker Co. Ga. Linny W. Bedell, consort  
of Rev. Mahlon Debell, the daughter of Benjamin  
M. and Temperance S. Griffin, Born in Telfair Co. Ga  
April 9, 1817. The following year her father was  
killed by the Creek Indians.

The following account was given in a weekly column written by Joel Perry for the Early Co. News of Blakely, Ga, covering the years 1817-67. In 1829, as a young Methodist Minister Mahlon Bedell was sent as a circuit preacher to Early Co. Ga. In 1833 he was sent back, probably upon application of the people of the circuit. During this year he married and settled near the road leading to Ft. Gaines. He was a man overflowing with good humor and a great lover of a good joke. He seems to have been engaged in a viriety of businesses. A young runaway couple seeking to get married came to the ferry at Newton and called the ferryman.



Bedell went and put them across the river and while doing so the young man inquired for a blacksmith to have some repairs made upon his buggy. Bedell replied, "I am the blacksmith, and will repair it." the young man next inquired for a hotel to stop at. Bedell replied, "Come with me, I keep the hotel and will entertain you." He next inquired for the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in order to procure a marriage license. Bedell replied "I am the Clerk and can grant your license." He finally inquired for a minister to perform the marriage ceremony. Bedell again replied, "I am a minister and will perform the ceremony for you. "Well, Sir," said the man, "You are the greatest man I ever met with. I expected to have to call on four or five men at least, and I find you discharging the duties of all of them."

Mahlon Bedell m 2. Jane King 24 Nov 1846. 3. Eliza Hammock Moncrief, widow, 1 June 1856. After Linney's death a friend noted that the "great good Humor" was gone.

In researching the old Washington County Ga. Surveyor's Plat Books, I found not only Benjamin Mitchell Griffin and Mitchell Griffin as chain carriers. I also found Survey Plats for John and William Thompson, Bondsman and witness on Ben.J. Griffin's Marriage Bond, seven different Griffins from Craven and Edgecombe Counties, NC, Mitchells, Hawkins, Harris, and most interesting of all: Glascocks, Kellys, Taylors and Blacks!. The only records in Washington Co.Ga. prior to 1865 are these four Surveyor Plat Books dating from 1784 to 1793.

Phillip Alston does not appear in these original grants but from the men who, as his neighbors, reported his last evening and his death to the Governor his property is pinpointed on the Oconee River at Buckeye Creek. There is a group of islands in the Oconee River in this area named Upper Sister, Second Sister and White Oak Island, originally granted to Charnel Wallace. I believe Phillip bought them between 1787-90.

In searching the Records in neighboring Montgomery Co. Ga. (which was cut out of Washington Co in 1793) I found the following:

Deed Book F page 101 - 105 Deed of Conveyance, Henry Swearingen to James Wood; Indenture made this 6th day of Sept. in the year of our Lord 1797 between Henry Swearingin of the Co. aforesaid of the one part and James Wood of the Co. of Hancock witnesseth that whereas the said Henry Swearingen for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid at or before the sealling delivery of the presents the receipt here of is thereby acknowledged hath bargained and SOLD AS SHERIFF and by these presents and the power vested in him as Sheriff and by the execution issued out of the Co of Hancock and bearing date the 13th day of June 1797 at the SUIT OF JAMES MERONEY (husband of Martha<sup>4</sup> Alston, Phillip's sister) AGAINST PHILLIP ALSTON DECD. AND JAMES WOOD ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID ALSTON doth bargain and sell unto the said James Wood his heirs executors admininstrators or assigns being KNOCKED OFF TO HIM AT PUBLIC OUTCRY HE BEING THE HIGHEST BIDDER all that tract or parcel of land containing 350 acres lying and being in the county of Montgomery an Island known by the name of the WHITE OAK ISLAND IN THE OCONEE RIVER bounded on all sides by said River which was granted to CHARNEL WALLACE together with all and singular the rites members and appertainances thereof belonging to the said parcel or tract of land and the said Henry Swearingen as far as the law authorizes him as Sheriff sell conveys and transfers the premisses aforesaid unto the said James Wood his heirs executors administrators or assigns as far as the law authorized him as Sheriff. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the

presents of Rhoda Padgett

Henry Swearingin

John Swearingen

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Deed of Conveyance Henry Swearingen to James Wood Montgomery Co. Ga This Indenture made this 6th day of Sept. 1797 between Henry Swearingen Sheriff of the County Aforesaid of the one part and James Wood of the Co. of Hancock said State of the other part witness that whereas the said Henry Swearingen for and in consideration of the sum of 50 dollars sterling money to him in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the accept whereof is hereby acknowledge hath bargained and sold as Sheriff and by these presents and the Power vested in him as Sheriff and by an execution issued out of the Co. of Hancock and State afore said bearing date the 13th day of June 1797 at the SUIT OF JAMES MERONEY AGAINST PHILIP ALSTON DECEASED AND JAMES WOOD AS ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID ALSTON doth bargain and sell unto the said James Wood his heirs executors administrators or assigns being this KNOCKED OFF TO HIM AT PUBLIC OUTCRY he being the highest bidder all that tract or parcel of land containing 250 acres lying and being in the county of Montgomery an ISLAND IN THE OCONEE RIVER bounded on all sides by said River known by the name of the UPPER SISTER ISLAND WHICH WAS GRANTED TO CHARNAL WALLACE together with all and singular the rites members and appertainances thereof belonging to the said parcel or tract of land and the said Henry Swearingen as FAR AS THE LAW AUTHORIZES HIM AS SHERIFF SELLS CONVEYS AND TRANSFERS THE PREMISSES AFORESAID UNTO THE SAID JAMES WOOD his heirs executors administrators assigns forever as far as the law authorizes him as Sheriff. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the

presence of Rhoda Padgett

Henry Swearingen

John Swearingen

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This Indentue made this 14 day of Oct 1803 between James Alston and his wife Polly and B. Mitchell Griffin and his wife



Temperance of the one part and Aaron Daniel of Washington Co. of the other part witnesseth that the said James Alston & B. Mitchel Griffin for and in consideration of the sum of 800 dollars to him in hand paid will and truly paid by the said Aaron Daniel his heirs assigns all the following tract of land viz AN ISLAND IN THE OCONEE RIVER BY NAME OF THE UPPER SISTER ISLAND CONTAINING 250 ACRES be the same more or less bounding on all sides by the said river with all and singular the rights members and appertinances unto the said Aaron Daniel his heirs and assigns forever and the said James Alston and his wife and B. Mitchell Griffin and his wife Temperance their heirs exectors administrators and assigns and every other person whatsoever shall forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the said James Alston Polly his wife and B. Mitchel Griffin and Temperance his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first written.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of NOTE; THE SAID B. MITCHEL GRIFFIN IS ONLY BOUND FOR ONE SIXTH PART OF THE LAND. Testo. Thomas Willcox J.P. William Griffin

James Alston

Mary Alston

B. Mitchel Griffin

Temperance Griffin

\*NOTE: Upper Sister Island originall granted Charnel Wallace 4 Dec 1786 under warrent from John Watts.

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State of Georgia Montgomery Co for value received we do hereby for ourselves our heirs executors and administrators relinquish and make over unto John Jones of Laurel Spring of the County and State aforesaid his heirs and assigns all our right title interest claim and demand of in and to a certain island called WHITE OAK, SITUATE IN THE OCONEE RIVER in the County of Montgomery containing 50 acres having such shape form and marks as a plat of the same doth represent. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and

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seals the            day of April 1804  
done in presence of  
James McNaughton

James Alston  
B. M. A. Griffin

Montgomery Co. Ga. Deed Book G. page 373

This indenture made the 1st day of Feb. 1806 between James Alston of Montgomery Co State of Ga of the one part and Edward Blackshear of the same of the other part witnesseth that the said James Alston for and in consideration of the sum of 800 dollars to him in hand well and truly paid by the said Edward Blackshear at and before the sealing and delivery of the said presents the receipt whereof by the said James Alston is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and deliver unto the said Edward Blackshear his heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of land estimated at or supposed to contain 250 acres it BEING FIVE SIXTHS OF A THREE HUNDRED ACRE TRACT OF LAND ORIGINALLY GRANTED TO CHARNAL WALLIS THE 6TH day of April 1793\* and by him conveyed to George Spann who on the 18th day of Oct 1805 conveyed the same to the said James Alston, and butting and bounding on all sides by the Oconee River being an Island in said river called the SECOND SISTER ISLAND.....etc. warranting the same not only against him the said James Alston his heirs and legal representatives but against all and every other person and persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said James Alston hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first written.

signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of William Gay  
Nathaniel Ras. Mitchel  
Benjamin Brown JP

James Alston

\* NOTE: The original survey plats show two grants to Charnel Wallace for Islands in the Oconee River beside Upper Sister Island. Crooked Island was granted to him 4 Dec 1786, Beach Island

5 Mar 1787 both were 250 acres each. There were no other grants to him between 1784 and 1793 in this area. Perhaps the name of the island changed.

Montgomery Co. Ga. Deed Book G page 374 This indenture made the 22nd day of Feb. 1806 between Benj. Mitchel Griffin and Temperance his wife of Montgomery Co and State of Georgia of the one part and Edward Blackshear of the state and co. aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Benjn M. Griffin and Temperance his wife for and in consideration of the sum of 130 dollars to them in hand well and truly paid by the said Edward Blackshear at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt where of by the said Benjn M. Griffin and Temperance his wife is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and delivered and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and deliver one certain tract or parcel of land unto the said Edward Blackshear his heirs and assigns estimated at or supposed to contain fifty acres it BEING ON SIXTH PART OF A 300 ACRE TRACT originally granted Charnal Wallis the 6th day of april 1793 and by him conveyed to George Spann, who on the 18th day of Oct. 1805 conveyed the same to James Alston under which title the said Benjn M. Griffin and Temperance his wife held his claim, all which on due enquiry will more fully and at large appear be the same more or less and butting and bounding on all sides by the Oconee River being and Island in said river called the SECOND SISTER ISLAND to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land and all and singular the premises aforesiad with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said Edward Blackshear his heirs and assigns to his and their own proper use and behoof forever warranting the same not only against him the said Benj M. Griffin and Temperance his wife his heirs and legal representatives but against all and every other person and persons whatsoever. In witness where of the said Benj. M. Griffin and Temperance his wife have hereunto set his and her hands and affixed his and her seals the day and year first written. Signed sealed and delivered



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in the presence of John Alston  
Nathanel R. Mitchel  
Benjn. Brown JP

Benjn M. Griffin  
Temperance Griffin

Now for some geography of Georgia:

The Oconee River divides Washington County on the north and Wilkinson County on the south. The next county below Washington is Johnson. Between the town of Oconee on Rd. 272 near the Oconee River and south of Dublin, Ga. on US 441 - just a mile from the Oconee River, a distance of 20 miles is the area where the following creeks are located: starting near the town of Oconee on the Oconee River is Buffalo Creek. The next creek south, about 10 miles, is Buckeye Creek and down near Dublin, Big Creek enters the Oconee. Pendleton Creek is due east of Dublin about 10 miles and it rises within 10 miles of Big Creek. Ohoopie Creek runs south into the Ohoopie river and starts near the town of Tennille and runs within 5 miles of head waters of Buckeye Creek.

From the Survey Plat Books of old Washington County the following families are located:

Buffalo Creek, land Granted to:

- Len Griffin 220 ac. dated 8 Feb 1791
- Wm. Griffin 350 Ac. dated 9 Apr 1786
- Wm. Griffin 420 ac. dated 4 Apr 1786

Big Creek, land Granted to:

- Jared Irwin 287 1/2 ac. dated 30 Jul 1784

Pendleton Creek, land Granted to:

- Benjn. Harrison 1706 ac. dated 11 Nov 1790

Ohoopie Creek, land granted to:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Major Griffin 179 ac. dated 6 Nov 1786    | Ben.M. Griffin     |
| Benj Griffin 415 ac. dated 4 Nov 1786     | & Mitchell Griffin |
| Furney Griffin                            | are shown as chain |
| Farnafal Griffin 50 ac. dated 3 Apr 1787  | Carrier            |
| Randolph Griffin 220 ac. dated 4 Jan 1787 |                    |
| Jared Irwin 400 ac. dated 5 Dec 1786      |                    |

John Watts 485 ac. dated 5 Dec 1786

To summarize this: Phillip Alston was a complex man dedicated to the American Cause. Some of his neighbors were loyal to the Crown. the fighting in that area of NC was on a personal level, sudden and violent. He took the lives of two men while in charge of his Militia Unit on Active Duty. He had been unseated in Legislature as unfit to serve because of this and his religious beliefs or lack of them.

He was a fugitive from justice for the death of George Glascock.

His wife had died, probably of a broken heart and spirit.

He had been in Georgia and fought in the Battle of Briar Creek. He knew Georgia was giving land to Revolutionary Soldiers and settlers. It was a wilderness frontier; a safe distance from NC, a place where he could get lost.

The Washington Co. Ga. Court House was burned not once but twice. The Surveyor's Land Plat Books A,C,D,E 1784 to 1793 are the only surviving records until 1865. (I think Book B is absorbed in A & C There are some pages missing but no big date gaps.) I have xeroxed all 4 books. There were no grants to any Alstons, but many of his neighbors and comrades in arms are shown. The area in which he lived on the Oconee River at or near Buckeye Creek fell into Montgomery Co. which was created in 1793.

The time gap from Phillip Alston's death until the above legal transactions causes problems. Earlier records in Washington Co. are lost.

His brother-in-law, James Meroney is shown in nearby Wilkes Co. in the 1790 Census. He brought suit against the estate of Phillip Alston and James Wood as Administrator. Property belonging to the

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estate was sold at public auction to satisfy claims against the estate. In order to protect the interests of the children the heirs of Phillip Alston, James Wood as Administrator of the estate bought the land as highest bidder at the Sheriff's Auction.

I believe James Alston was made Administrator of the Estate in place of James Wood when he moved to Ga. from NC.

Montgomery Co. Court House was never burned but when I looked for other information on the suit and the administration of this estate the Clerk of the Court pointed to bundles of Docket packets piled on top of the high bookcases in the old room and said, "Well, they are probably up there somewhere. I've been trying to get the College to send someone down here to sort them out and record them!"

Search in Hancock Co. was no help. The records are not kept in order. The rule seems to be to enter any instrument in whatever book is handy at the moment.

I believe Temperance S. Alston who married Benjamin Mitchell Griffin in Chatham Co NC in 1796 to be a Daughter of Phillip Alston and Temperance Smith Alston, and sister of James Alston.

Phillip Alston was murdered about the time land grants were made in Washington Co. to Glasscocks, Blacks and Taylors. It would be interesting to speculate on the possible connections of these events.

Any corrections or additions are welcomed.

Clifford S. Dwyer

POSTSCRIPT:

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On a recent trip to Montgomery Co. Ga I searched through some of

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the loose documents and found 4 pages of testimony, no date and last pages missing. It was part of an Ejectment by Thomas E. Blackshear against Philogus H. Loud concerning ownership of the Sister Islands in the Oconee River. The following paragraph sheds additional light on this:

To the fourth interrogating he (Moses Daniel, son of Aaron) answered, Edward Blackshear did own and cultivate said Islands. The Upper Island Edward Blackshear bought from myself and two Sisters. For my Father and for myself and Sisters I cultivated said Upper Island for the period of six years or probably eight and after we sold it to Mr. Blackshear he cultivated said islands some three or four years. The Second Island Edward Blackshear bought I think from James Alston and he thinks also that Mr Alston and his family cultivated and possessed said Island for about six or eight years before the sale and then Mr Edward Blackshear cultivated said Second Island about five or six years afterwards. I think Blackshear went into possession of said Island between the years 1803 and 1806. and I think Blackshear cultivated both of the Islands in the Year 1810. and I think also that my father bought the Upper Island from Mr. Alston.

This helps establish the time the Alston children came to Georgia.

Through the Jack Ladson Genealogical & Historical Library Foundation and a group of concerned citizens of the area we have formed a Committee For Preservation of Records. They presented a plan to the Montgomery Co., Ga County Commissioners at their last meeting (Nov 5, 1985) and it was unanimously approved. Permission was given for us to move these loose records to the Conference Room of the Ladson Library to sort, xerox, organize, index, etc Originals to return to Clerk of Court. Copy to remain in the Library. The Committee raised over \$800. in donations for the project. I will act as coordinator and general flunky. An

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apartment has been donated for us to stay while there. They have leased a marvelous copy machine. Others have volunteered their help in getting the work done. We are working toward a definitive history of Old Montgomery Co. Ga.

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together in the holy estate of matrimony  
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lawfully and Elizabeth King both of said County  
This I do Certify that on the  
14th day of August 1808 I lawfully  
gave to the within named John  
Elizabeth their mutual consent  
Elizabeth  
W. Mac Donald J. P.

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Buhary was lawfully married by me the 4th day  
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was Lawfully married by me the 16th  
day of December 1812 W. Mac Donald J. P.

I do Certify that Daniel Gilmartin and Mary Donald  
was Lawfully married by me the 9th day of November  
1812 W. Mac Donald J. P.

I do Certify that John Abston and Nancy  
Rains Wyre was Lawfully married by  
me the 5th day of March 1813 W. Mac Donald J. P.



In our County of Bladen on Deep River, being the northwest branch of the Cape Fear, & to the Southward of the line betwixt the King & the Earl of Granville [Moore-Chatham county line.]

Tract 1. 2344 Acres. Beginning on the East side of Deep River in the Earl's line Running thence East 260 poles along the said line to a Blackoak; thence South 586 poles to a Blackoak; thence West 100 poles to the Riverside; thence continuing 486 poles to a Hiccorie; thence North 586 poles; thence East 286 poles to the first station.

Tract 2. 2560 Acres. Beginning at a Whiteoak thence East 100 poles to the corner of the first survey; thence South 640 poles; thence West 640 poles to a Sassafriz; thence North 38 poles to the Riverside; thence continuing 488 poles; thence East 540 poles to the first station.

Tract 3. 1680 Acres. Adjoining the second survey. Beginning at a Maple and running thence South 472 poles to a Hollie on the side of Grist Mill [Governor's] Creek; thence West 160 poles; thence North forty-five degrees West 160 poles; thence North 110 poles to a Shagbark Hiccorie on the North side of the River; thence continuing 594 poles to a Sugartree on the North side of the River, taking in all the land in the Bent of the River from the Shagbark Hiccorie to the Sugartree; thence East 278 poles; thence South 220 poles to the first Station.

Tract 4. 1070 Acres. Beginning at a Pine & running thence East 278 poles; thence North 512 poles to an Oak; thence West 670 poles; thence South 155 poles to the Riverside opposite to John Richardson's upper corner tree; thence down the River, taking in an Island, to the first station.

These four tracts are shown on the accompanying map, on which also appears the present roads and other features in that area.

The "Island" referred to in the above description is located near the point shown on the map as Dickerson's Ford, an early crossing variously called Island Ford, Rocky Ford and Dickerson's Ford. It was here that Fanning crossed the river at the time of his raid on Alston. Thomas Armstrong, a land speculator of Wilmington, had already received a grant for land on the south side of the river "about two miles above the mouth of Buck [McLendon's] Creek"<sup>2</sup> and its upper corner was perhaps the John Richardson corner referred to.

Doubtless unaware of the prior grant to Griffith, Thomas Tyson "of Buford County" on September 30, 1748, received a grant for 350 acres on the north side of Deep River "below the Merry Maid Camp," which lay within the bounds of the Griffith grant.<sup>3</sup> This tract is still owned and occupied by a branch of the Tyson family, probably the longest continued ownership in this part of the state.

Edward Griffith, the first owner, was secretary to Governor Gabriel Johnston at the time of the entry.<sup>4</sup> The conveyance to Johnston is not of record. The words employed by the Governor in his will suggests the possibility that he merely used his secretary's name in order to avoid issuing a grant to himself, and that no deed was executed.

Gabriel Johnston died in 1752, and in his will devised "7000 acres of land on Deep River, in Bladen County which I hold under the name of Edward Griffith" to John and Samuel Johnston, sons of the Governor's brother, John Johnston.<sup>5</sup>

Samuel was a young attorney of Edenton, who later became Governor of the state. In 1763 he conveyed his half-interest in the plantation to his brother-in-law George Blair, also of Edenton.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> H. C. Land Grant Office.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Colonial Records IV, 1091.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid. XXII, 237.

<sup>6</sup> Cumberland County Deed Records, Fayetteville, Book 2. p. 311.

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Blair made John Johnston his attorney in matters of disposition of the land<sup>7</sup> and upon Blair's death, Josiah Granberry, of Edenton, was made his executor. Thus, deeds conveying parts of the tract are signed variously by John Johnston, George Blair and Josiah Granberry.

During the year 1765 Blair & Johnston disposed of 2268 acres of the 7654 in the original tract. The purchasers being among the earlier settlers along Deep River, their names are given below.<sup>8</sup>

Feb. 7	Joshua Hancock	150 acres
do.	Sterling Carroll	400
do.	Cornelius Tyson	383
Feb. 8	Elisha Hunter	122
9	James Barnes	663
9	Powell Benbow	450
Oct. 25	William Brazier	100

March 11, 1768, Cornelius Tyson bought an additional 118 acres, and October 5, 1772, Joseph Gilbert purchased 100 acres. Then, as noted above, on October 15, 1772, Blair & Johnston conveyed 4000 acres to Phil Alston.<sup>9</sup> This left more than 1100 acres unaccounted for, provided of course that all tracts had been properly surveyed and computed, and all conveyances recorded, neither of which is probable.

February 22, 1772, which was prior to the purchase of the 4000 acres, Alston bought the 122 acres previously conveyed to Elisha Hunter, which lay along the river southwest of the house. In 1775 he bought 100 acres from John Hunnicutt, and in 1778, 275 acres from John Harden.<sup>10</sup> Additional purchases were made which are not of record, for by 1777 the original 4000 acres had grown to 6936 acres.<sup>11</sup> This appears to have been the peak of his expanding estate, for beginning with the sale of 1200 acres on the south side of the river to John Gordon in 1778,<sup>12</sup> he disposed of the following tracts: 1765, to Michael Russell; 1786, to Joseph Gilbert; 1789, to James Alston and Richard Street, and 1790, to James Alston.<sup>13</sup> The boundary descriptions of these tracts when they appear at all, are so vague and ambiguous that only in a general way is it possible to determine their location. There is no doubt however that Alston's place as constituted in the year 1790, embraced all the lands in the horse shoe of the river, and extended some distance northward toward the Granville line.

Although there is some tradition that one one McFaddin was the owner at the time of the erection of the house,<sup>14</sup> circumstances and the records as herein set out, indicate that it was built by Alston, with McFaddin perhaps in his employ as actual builder.

<sup>7</sup>Cumberland County Deed Records, Book B, p. 312.

<sup>8</sup>Ibid.

<sup>9</sup>Ibid. Book F, p. 246.

<sup>10</sup>Ibid.

<sup>11</sup>Cumberland County List of Taxables, 1777. State Historical Archives.

<sup>12</sup>Cumberland County Deed Records, Book F, p. 333 et seq.

<sup>13</sup>Moore County Court Minutes, Book A. Record of Probate.

<sup>14</sup>The House in the Horseshoe and other Stories. W. J. Adams. Pamphlet.

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If this is true, then the date of its erection would not have been earlier than the year 1772. Governor Williams recites its ownership as having first been vested in Alston, who, he said, lived on the place about twenty-five years, an overestimate by some five or six years.<sup>15</sup>

It is said by some of the older residents that at the time of the death of George Glascock in 1789, Alston was living in or near Carthage. That he owned land in that vicinity is indicated by the terms of his surrender to Fanning, under which he was paroled "to his plantation on Lunham's Creek," near Carthage.<sup>16</sup> At any rate, he and his wife Temperance conveyed the 2500 acres, including the Horse Shoe plantation, to Thomas Harding Perkins, in the year 1790. This deed was probated in August, 1791, after the death of Alston, at the same term of court at which James Alston, his son, qualified as administrator of his estate.<sup>17</sup>

Thomas Harding Perkins, apparently a man of considerable means, was a resident of Orange county in the year 1790,<sup>18</sup> and appeared in the Moore county records for the first time in the year 1791 when he was listed as a member of Pansophia Masonic Lodge.<sup>19</sup> Governor Williams stated that he and his white family and sixty or seventy negroes lived on the Alston place seven years.<sup>20</sup> He was made a Justice of the Peace for Moore county in 1792, and represented the county in the House of Commons in 1794. He apparently left the county soon after he sold the place to Governor Williams.

The exact date of the sale to the Governor is not known except that it was during the year 1798.<sup>21</sup> Governor Williams was preparing to farm it as early as the spring of 1801, when he secured seed from General H. W. Harrington of Richmond county, for planting a crop of cotton; doubtless the first grown in this region.<sup>22</sup> Williams was influenced in coming to this then remote section of the state, he says, by the wish to bring up his son in rural surroundings, away from the temptations of the city (he was then residing in Raleigh.) Although high in his praise of the climate and the fertility of the soil, his opinion of his neighbors was not so flattering. He describes them as "ordinary," and though trying to impress a prospective buyer with the desirability of his property, warns him that he need not expect to find any "social life" in the region.<sup>23</sup>

It appears that at least during the early years of its possession, the governor was but infrequently at "Retreat," maintaining it only as a farm to which he and his family paid an occasional visit. Later he made it his home, and became a bona fide citizen of the county. He purchased considerable additional land, both in Moore and

<sup>15</sup>Letter: Benjamin Williams to John <sup>Haywood</sup> Steele: The Papers of John Steele.

<sup>16</sup>W. W. Caruthers: Revolutionary Incidents.

<sup>17</sup>Moore County Superior Court Minute Docket D, p. 322. Moore County Court Minutes Book A, p. 186: Record of Probate.

<sup>18</sup>U. S. Census of M. C., 1790. He was a Delegate from Orange county to the Constitutional Convention at Fayetteville, 1789.

<sup>19</sup>Record of Officers & Members, Pansophia Masonic Lodge. Archives of Grand Lodge, Raleigh.

<sup>20</sup>Letter: Benjamin Williams to John Haywood: Letters of John Steele.

<sup>21</sup>Moore Co. Sup. Ct. Docket D, p. 312 et. seq. <sup>22</sup>Letter, Benj. Williams to Gen. H. W. Harrington

<sup>23</sup>Letter, Benj. Williams to John Haywood



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### Representatives

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1796 Jonathan Emmons and Francis Pugh, 1797 Benjamin Harris and Jesse Embrie, 1798 Benjamin Harrison, 1799 John Jones, 1800 John Swilley, 1801-04 Aaron Lowe, 1804 Peter Thomas, 1805-06 Henry Fulgham and Jethro B. Spivey, 1806 Henry Fulgham and Peter Thomas, 1807-08 Henry Fulgham and George B. Gaines.

1806 James Alston and William Mathews, 1809 Stephen Swain and Noah Stringer, 1810 Stephen Swain and Robert L. Troup, 1811 James Walea and Benjamin G. Cray, 1812 James Walea, 1813-14 Thomas Moore, 1815-17 Benjamin G. Cray, 1818 David Chambers, 1819 Wilson Conner.

1820-21 David McCranie, 1821 Edward Featherston, 1822-23 Philip Alston, 1824-25 Simon D. Hadley, 1825 John P. Winn, 1826 James G. Conner, 1827-30 Norman McRae, 1831-33 Kenneth McLennon, 1835-39 Duncan McArthur, 1840-41 Charles McCrimmon.

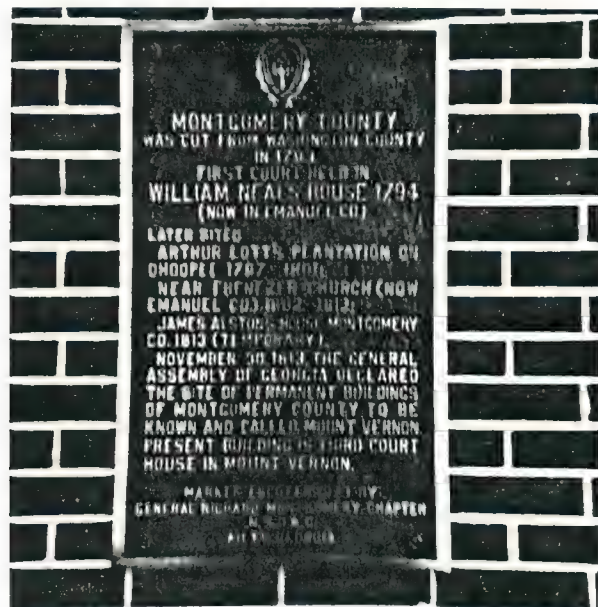
1842-43 Wiley Adams, 1845 Archibald Peterson, 1847-50 Alexander T. McLeod, 1851-52 John A. Morris, 1853-54 A.J. Williamson, 1855-56 Archibald Peterson, 1857-58 Daniel McMillan, 1859-60 Matthew Sharpe, 1861-63 Archibald Peterson, 1863-64 Matthew Sharpe.

1865-66 J.K. Morris, 1868-70 John J. McArthur, 1871-72 J.D. Clements, 1873-74 John McRae, 1875-76 T.B. Calhoun, 1877-79 Duncan J. McRae, 1880-81 C.C. McAllister, 1882-83 John McRae, 1884-85 Charles S. Hamilton, 1886-87 Malcolm D. Hughes.

1888-89 Alex G. McArthur, 1890-91 John L. Matthews, 1892-93 Asa L. Adams, 1894-95 J. Clayton Clements, 1896-97 Henry A. Calhoun, 1898-99 Alex C. McLennan, 1900-01 Charles S. Hamilton, 1902-04 Will A. Wooten, 1905-06 John A. Sears, 1907-08 William J. Peterson.

1909-10 Douglas S. McArthur, 1911-12 William B. Kent, 1913-14 John C. Johnson, 1915-17 James L. Gillis, 1917-18 Geo. M. Barwick, M.D., 1919-20 Daniel O'Connor Calhoun, 1921-22 Horace B. Folsom, 1923-31 Hugh Peterson, Jr., 1931-33 Albert Sidney Johnson, 1935 Clifford McBride.

1937-38 James Tillman Warnock, 1939-40 Clifford McBride, 1941-44 James Tillman Warnock, 1945-48 Walter Barron Morrison, 1949-52 Joseph Chester Hilton, 1953-54 Henry A. Moses, 1955-64 Joe C. Underwood, 1965-66 Edward C. Moses, 1967-68 Joe C. Underwood, 1969- L.L. "Pete" Phillips



Court, L.W. Wright - Sheriff, D.M. Currie - Tax Receiver, T.E. Rogers - Tax Collector, Thomas B. Calhoun - Treasurer, A.H. McCrimmon - Surveyor, Martin Morrison - Coroner.

1891 S.B. Morris - Clerk Sup. Court, George W. Dunham - Sheriff, R.B. Jones - Tax Receiver, Philip McKae - Tax Collector, Henry A. Joyce - Treasurer, James O'Conner - Coroner, A.H. McCrimmon - Surveyor.

1893 Alex McArthur - Ordinary, John C. McAllister - Clerk Sup. Court, George W. Dunham - Sheriff, James W. Adams - Tax Receiver, Philip McKae - Tax Collector, Henry A. Joyce - Treasurer, B.E. Higgs - Surveyor, A. G. Williamson - Coroner.

1895 John C. McAllister - Clerk Sup. Court, George W. Dunham - Sheriff, James W. Adams - Tax Receiver, Philip McKae - Tax Collector, Thomas W. Rogers - Treasurer, Benjamin E. Higgs - Surveyor, A.G. Williamson - Coroner.

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1898 G.L. Adams - Clerk Sup. Court, J.D. McGregor - Sheriff, M.D. Hughes - Tax Receiver, D.S. Williamson - Tax Collector, Alex Morrison - Treasurer, W.R. Wilkes - Surveyor, Martin Morrison - Coroner.

1900 Alex McArthur - Ordinary, J.C. McAllister - Clerk Sup. Court, B.E. Higgs - Sheriff, J.T. Genger - Tax Receiver, Philip McKae - Tax Collector, J. L. Adams - Treasurer, W.R. Wilkes - Surveyor, Martin Morrison - Coroner.

1902 D.B. Graham - Clerk Sup. Court, B.E. Higgs - Sheriff, E. M. Rackley - Tax Receiver, C.B. Browning - Tax Collector, A.L. Adams - Treasurer, S.B. Morris - Surveyor, J.W. Palmer - Coroner.

1904 Alex McArthur - Ordinary, John C. Calhoun - Clerk Sup. Court, A.J. Burch - Sheriff, E.M. Rackley - Tax Receiver, Philip McKae - Tax Collector, Thomas Morrison - Treasurer, S.B. Morrison - Surveyor, W.L. Calhoun - Coroner.

1906 John C. Calhoun - Clerk Sup. Court, A.J. Burch - Sheriff, W. M. Outlaw - Tax Receiver, R. Newton Wood - Tax Collector, C.A. Pope - Treasurer, S.B. Morris - Surveyor, G.W. Howell - Coroner.

1908 Alex McArthur - Ordinary, John C. Calhoun - Clerk Sup. Court, James Hester - Sheriff, W.H. Clark - Tax Receiver, D. M. Currie - Tax Collector, C.D. Adams - Treasurer, S.B. Morris - Surveyor, R.B. Conner - Coroner.

1912 Alex McArthur - Ordinary, M.L. O'Brien - Clerk Sup. Court, James Hester - Sheriff, Isaac Brooks - Tax Receiver, D.M. Curry - Tax Collector, A. Gillis - Treasurer, S.B. Morris - Surveyor, M.P. Meade - Coroner.

1914 G. R. Tyler - Clerk Sup. Court, James Hester - Sheriff, John G. Morris - Tax Receiver, H.C. Davis - Tax Collector, Arch Gillis - Treasurer, S.B. Morris - Surveyor, F.L. Hammock - Coroner.

1916 Alex McArthur - Ordinary, M.L. O'Brien - Clerk Sup. Court, J.J. Davis - Sheriff, W.L. Snow - Tax Receiver, H.C. Davis - Tax Collector, B.F. Hamilton - Surveyor, F.L. Hammock - Coroner.

1918 John E. McKae - Clerk Sup. Court, F.E. Burch - Sheriff, John C. McAllister - Ordinary.

1920 John C. McAllister - Ordinary, John E. McKae - Clerk Sup. Court, E.E. Burch - Sheriff, George W. Coleman - Tax Receiver, H. C. Davis - Tax Collector, S. B. Morris - Surveyor, R.H. Mobley - Coroner, N.H. Spooner - Treasurer.

## Joseph Wheeler

Wheeler County was created by the State Legislature on August 14, 1912. The county of Wheeler was named in honor of

General Joseph Wheeler. He was a Georgian by birth.

He fought in the Battle of Atlanta and tried to slow Sherman down on his march to the sea.

Joseph Wheeler was one of the smallest generals in the confederate army. He was only five feet high and weighed 120 pounds, but he was a great fighter.

In the Candler Building in Atlanta is carved in high relief in an ornate frieze the head of General Joseph Wheeler. This bust can be seen with other important Georgians.

On the dirt road in Buckhead can be found the Buckhead Baptist Church built in 1860, but organized in 1778. Here a skirmish occurred during the War Between the States, when Sherman's calvarymen were pursued by Confederate forces under General Joseph Wheeler. To stop Wheeler, the Sherman army party burned the bridge across the creek, but Wheeler with quick ingenuity had pews brought from the church to replace the burned flooring of the bridge. New pews are the only modern note in the church. It was here in 1831 that the Georgia Baptist Convention passed a resolution to organize the school that became Mercer University.

One of his soldiers said of him, "He is not afraid of anything and you should see him fight." He was indeed a mixture of gentlemen and fire.

His father came to Augusta, Georgia, from Connecticut. He was sent back to his father's home to be educated. He was appointed to West Point from New York. He did not claim to be first in his class; however, he was the lowest and was the only one to gain fame. He was sent to Mexico, and on his way he met a group of unfriendly Indians and won the name of "Fighting Joe."

When the United States declared war with Spain to protect Cuba, Joseph Wheeler offered his services, and he was in some of the heaviest fighting. He was now fighting in the United States Army and was made a General.

## Montgomery County State Senators 1796 - 1976

1796 Solomon Wood, 1797 Henry Gaster, 1798 Jesse Embree, 1800 John Jones, 1801-02 John Jones, 1802-03 Patrick McGriff, 1803-04....., 1804 Patrick McGriff, 1805-06 John Jones, 1806 Patrick McGriff.

1807-08 Patrick McGriff, 1808 Patrick McGriff, 1809-11 David McCormick, 1812 Stephen Swain, 1813 James Alston, 1814-15 Robert Flournoy, 1816-18 Nathaniel R. Mitchell, 1819 James Alston, 1820-21 William Blair, 1821 Duncan McCrimmon.

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1841-42 Archibald McMillan, 1843 Duncan McArthur, 1845 Jacob Moody, 1847 John McArthur, 1849-50 Daniel F. McKae, 1851-52 John McKae, 1853-54 Wiley Adams, 1855-56 Charles McCrimmon, 1857-63 John McKae, 1863-65 D.M. McKae.

1865-66 T.L. Wilcox, 1868-70 Walter T. McArthur, 1871-72 D.W. Cameron, 1873-74 D.W. Cameron, 1875-77 T.D. Wilcox, 1878-79 Jacob C. Clements, 1879 Jesse M. Wall, 1880-81 Thomas Jefferson Smith, 1882-83 T.D. Wilcox, 1884-85 Allen McArthur.

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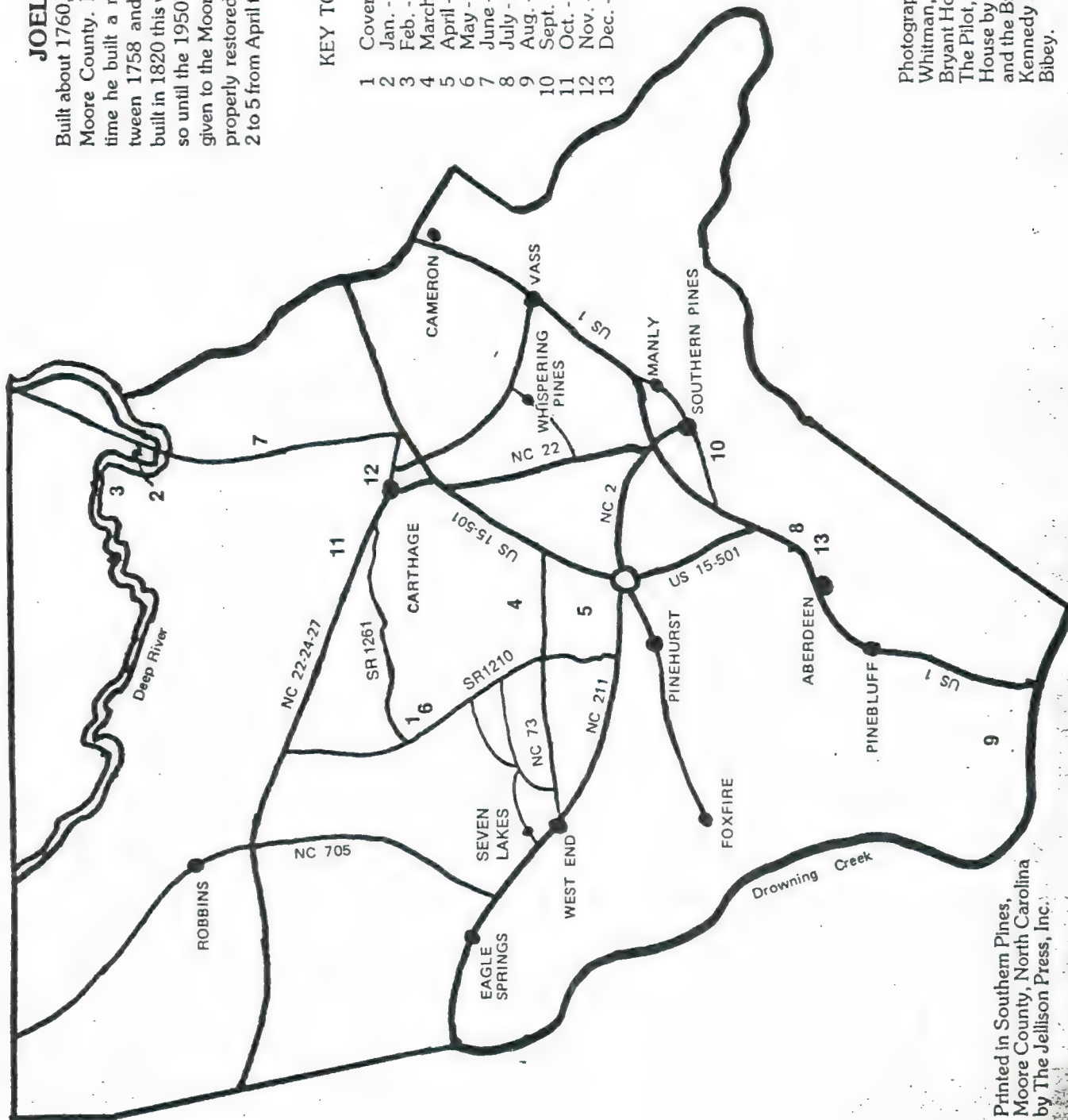
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## JOEL MCLENDON CABIN

Built about 1760, this is the oldest structure remaining in Moore County. It was built by Joel McLendon at the time he built a mill nearby on McLendon's Creek between 1758 and 1763. When the Bryant House was built in 1820 this was used as a cookhouse and continued so until the 1950's. The Bryant McLendon property was given to the Moore County Historical Association in 1969, properly restored, and is now open on Sundays from 2 to 5 from April thru October.

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- 3 Feb. - Street Medical Building
- 4 March - Black-Cole House
- 5 April - McKenzie House
- 6 May - Bryant House
- 7 June - Harrington House
- 8 July - Malcolm Blue House
- 9 Aug. - Flora McLeod House
- 10 Sept. - Shaw House
- 11 Oct. - Kelly House
- 12 Nov. - Bruce-Dowd-Kennedy House
- 13 Dec. - Old Bethesda Church



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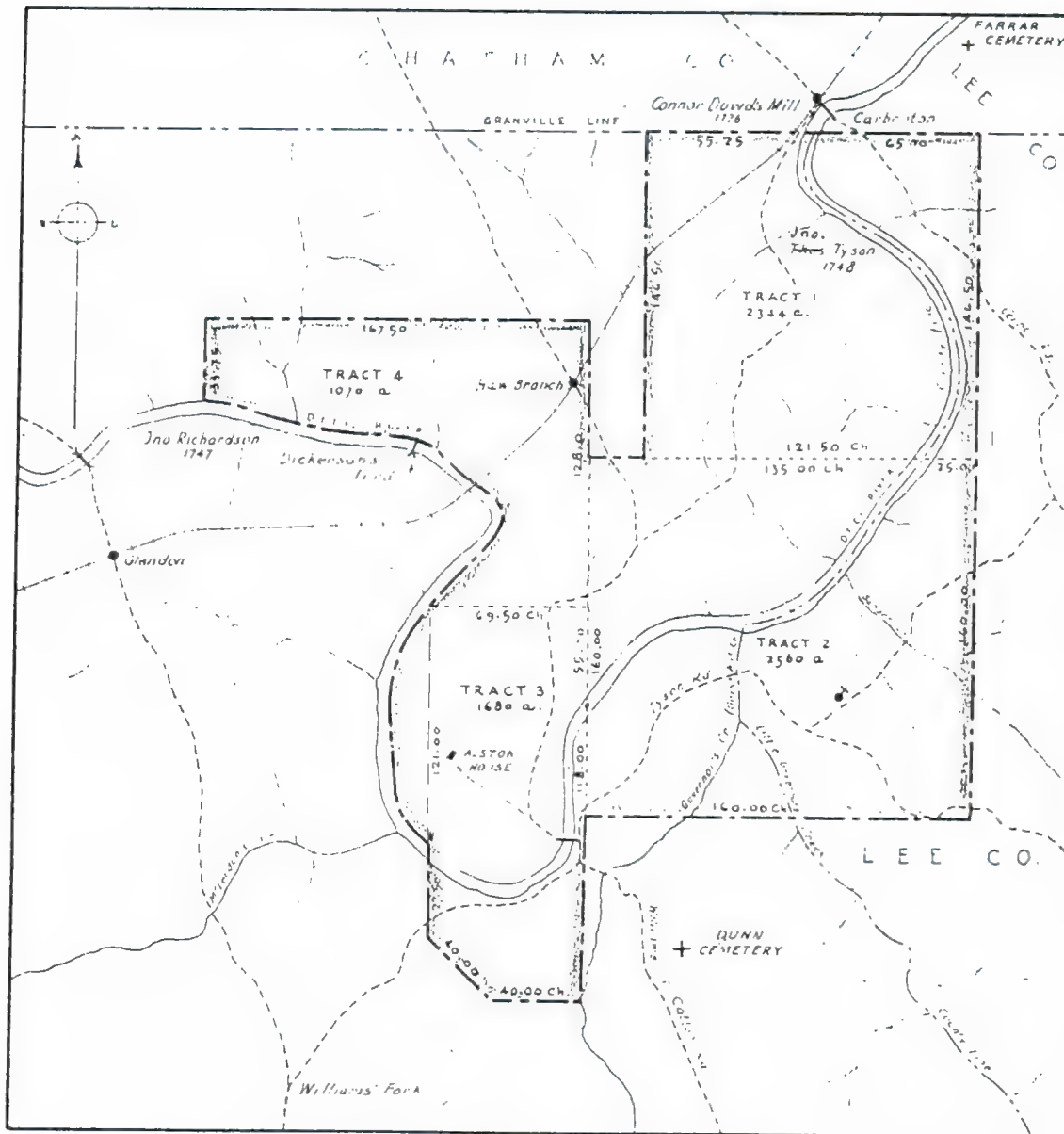
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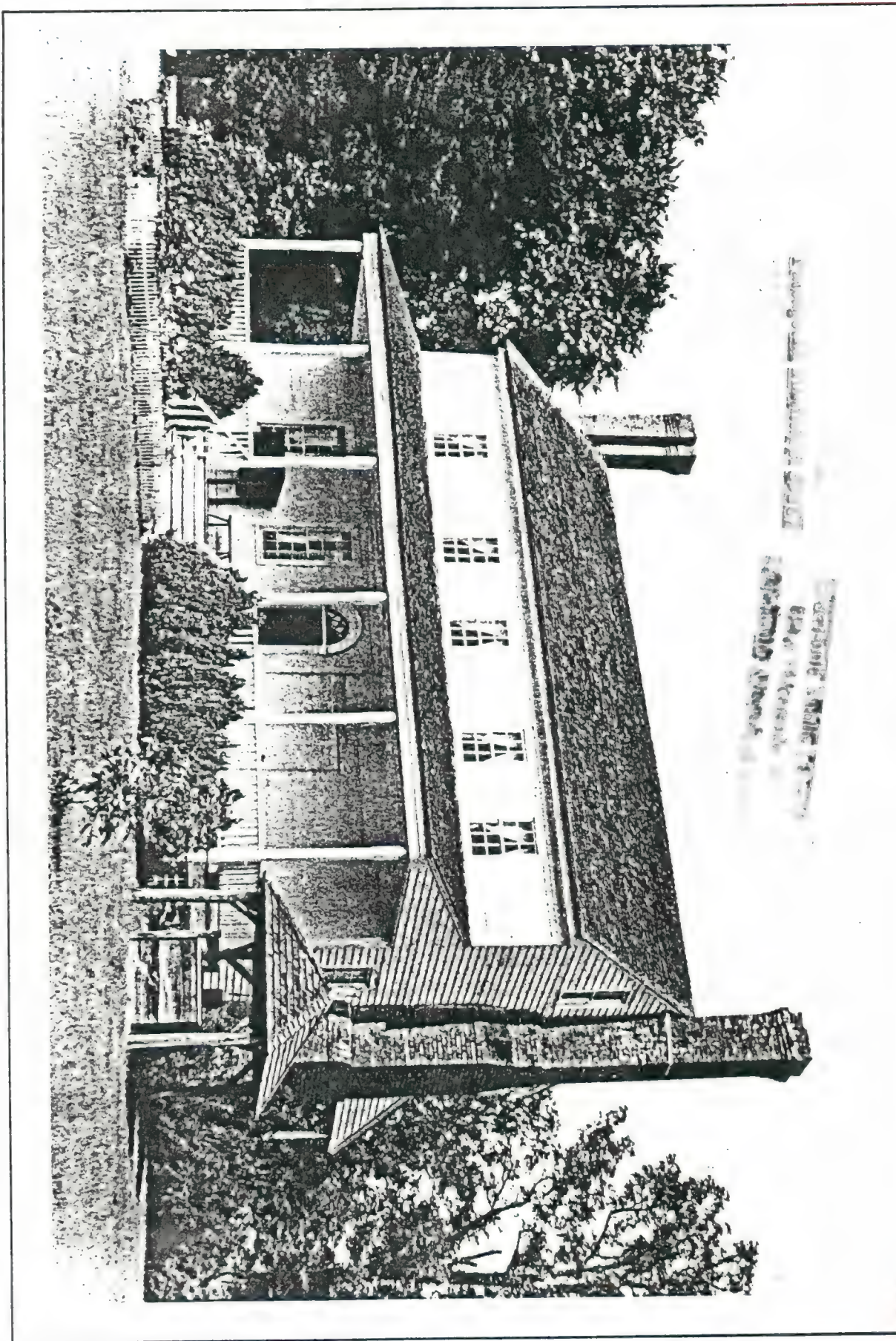


*The Horse Shoe Plantation  
Showing the Grants from His Majesty to Edward Griffith in 1741*

SCALE IN MILES  
(80 chains = 1 mile)

R. E. Wicker  
1955





### HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE

Built by Col. Philip Alston about 1772, one of the first "big houses" in the frontier country of upland North Carolina. It was the scene of a two hour siege on August 5, 1781 by a notorious Tory, David Fanning, resulting in Alston's capture. Bullet holes still mark the walls. In 1798 the House became the residence of Benjamin Williams, Governor of North Carolina for four terms (1799-1802, 1808), who is buried here with his wife. In 1954 the House was rescued by the Moore County Historical Association, faithfully restored, and turned over to the State for operation as a State Historical Site. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. This was the site of the Bicentennial Outdoor Drama "House in the Horseshoe" presented by the Historical Association in 1976, 77, and 78, and is the site of an Annual Reenactment of the 1781 Skirmish by N.C. Reenactment Regiments.



STATE OF LOUISIANA,

PARISH AND CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it Known, That on this First day  
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty-nine and of the Independence  
of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA the Ninety fourth  
BEFORE, **ANDREW HERO, Jr.**, a Notary Public in and for

the Parish and City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified,  
and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, Personally Came  
and Appeared—

Joseph J. Alston of the Parish of Jefferson in this  
State, who declared that for the consideration and on the terms and  
conditions hereinafter expressed, he does by these presents grant, bargain  
sell, convey, transfer, assign and set over with all legal warranties  
unto

Francis Mayo of this Parish, here also present, accep-  
ting and purchasing for himself, his heirs and assigns and  
acknowledging delivery and possession thereof.

A certain tract or parcel of land, to-  
gether with the buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights  
ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any  
wise appertaining, situate in the Parish of Madison in this  
State, in the District of Lands north of Red River, containing  
four hundred and sixty acres of land more or less and designa-  
ted and described as the North half of Section N<sup>o</sup> Twelve in  
Township N<sup>o</sup> Fifteen, Range Twelve, and the South East  
quarter of Section N<sup>o</sup> Sixty, Township N<sup>o</sup> Sixteen, Range  
Twelve.

Which said land forms part of the property which  
the present Vendor acquired by purchase from Malcolm  
Wallace, by an act passed before Selim Wagner, a Notary  
in this City, on the Sixth day of July Eighteen hundred and  
sixty-nine

And here the said Vendor declared that  
he is neither Tutor of Minors nor Curator of interdicted or  
absent persons, and that the aforescribed property is  
free from all mortgages or other incumbrances. Wherefore  
the said purchaser declared that he dispenses with the  
production of a Certificate from the Recorder of Mortgages  
in and for said Parish of Madison to show what mortgages  
if any, exist in the name of said Vendor against the afores-  
cribed property, as is otherwise required by Article three thousand



three hundred and twenty eight of one acre and one half of more land. And here personally appeared and intervened herein. Albert G. Lobdell of this City, the duly authorized Agent and attorney in fact of Mrs. Louisa Josephine Jones, the wife of lawful age of said Alston, under and by virtue of a power of Attorney, duly stamped, executed by her with the authorization of her said husband, in favor of him said Lobdell, on the fifth day of August Eighteen hundred and sixty nine before John S. Corbin, Judge of the City Court of Selma, Alabama, and annexed for reference to an Act of Sale from said Alston unto Wright H. Fish passed before me Notary on the Twenty fifth day of August Eighteen hundred and sixty nine, which said Lobdell declared that for and in the name of said Mrs. Alston, he has taken cognizance of the present Sale, approves and ratifies the same and renounces and relinquishes in favor of the said purchaser all the rights, claims, mortgages, and privileges which his said Constituent has or may have on the afore described property, whether resulting from her marriage with her said husband or otherwise, and more especially all the rights and privileges mentioned in said power of attorney, with all which said Lobdell declares himself well acquainted, the same having been first read and explained to him by me Notary, and he hereby binds his said Constituent and her heirs at all times to sustain and acknowledge the force and validity of this renunciation.

And it is understood and agreed that the said purchaser shall remove to and take up his abode on the said property, within two months from the date hereof, and cultivate or cause the same to be cultivated during the ensuing year.

To Have and to Hold, the said \_\_\_\_\_ property and appurtenances unto the said purchaser his \_\_\_\_\_ heirs and assigns forever.

And the said vendor hereby binds himself \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his heirs forever to warrant and defend the \_\_\_\_\_ property and appurtenances \_\_\_\_\_ herein conveyed, and against all legal claims and demands whatever.

The said vendor moreover transfers unto the said purchaser all the rights and actions of warranty to which he himself is \_\_\_\_\_ entitled against all the former proprietors of the \_\_\_\_\_ property \_\_\_\_\_ herein conveyed, subrogating said purchaser to the said rights and actions, to be by \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed and exercised in the same manner as they might have been by the said vendor.

This Sale is made and accepted for and in consideration of the price and sum of Two thousand three hundred dollars, with interest as hereinafter expressed: in settlement of which said price, the said purchaser has furnished two certain promissory notes for the sum of Eleven hundred and fifty Dollars each, drawn by him to the order of and endorsed by himself, dated this day and made payable at the Canal Bank in this City, at One and two years respectively after date with interest at the rate of Eight per cent per annum from date until final payment: which said notes after having been paraphed by me said Notary for identification herewith, were delivered to the said Vendor who hereby acknowledges the receipt thereof.

And in order to secure the punctual payment of said notes at

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maturity, as well as all interest that may accrue thereon, and also, in order to secure the punctual payment of any and all lawyers' fees that may be expended or incurred in the event of suit being instituted for the recovery of the amount of said notes, in principal and interest, or any part thereof (which lawyers' fees are however fixed at five per cent on the amount in suit and the said purchaser hereby agrees to allow and pay) the said Francis Mayo declared that he hereby specially mortgages and hypothecates the property herein described and conveyed in favor of said Vendor, or of any and all future holder or holders of said notes, or either of them, promising and binding himself by these presents not to alienate, deteriorate or encumber the same to the prejudice of this Mortgage.

And here personally appeared and intervened herein Henry Mayo, also of this Parish, a bachelor, who, having read what is herein before written, declared, as also did the aforesaid purchaser, that as additional security for the punctual payment of the afore described notes with interest, lawyers' fees, &c. the said Henry Mayo and the said purchaser, hereby specially mortgage and hypothecate in favor of said Joseph J. Alston, his heirs and assigns, as well as of any and all such person or persons as may hereafter become the owner or owners of said notes, or either of them, the following described property viz:

A certain piece or portion of ground together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights and privileges thereunto belonging situate at Algiers, in this Parish on the right Bank of the Mississippi River, opposite this City, being a portion of the lot of ground designated by the N<sup>o</sup> Eight in the square comprised within Alix, Church, Jefferson and Market Streets and the new Road on a plan annexed to an Act passed before D. L. M<sup>c</sup> Cay late a Notary in this City, on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1839: which said portion of ground is taken from the extreme rear of said lot N<sup>o</sup> Eight and measures fifty five feet, eight inches and six lines front on said Market Street, thirty one feet, four inches in width in the rear, by a depth of forty feet on the side line nearest Jefferson Street adjoining property of Archibald Poirers and an irregular depth on the opposite side line.

Said property was acquired by said Francis Mayo by purchase from William G. F. Fryer, by an act passed before Melvil Soule late a Notary in this City, on the Twenty sixth day of May, Eighteen hundred and fifty eight. And upon the demise of his wife Elizabeth Stapleton her community interest therein or half part share thereof became vested in the aforesaid Henry Mayo, as her son and the sole surviving issue of her said marriage.

According to the annexed certificate of the Recorder of Mortgages in and for this City and Parish, of even date herewith, the lastly described property is free from all mortgages or other incumbrances in the name of said Francis Mayo and Henry Mayo except the one granted by Francis Mayo, by act before A. Ducaresel Notary, to secure Three thousand Nine hundred Dollars. And said Francis Mayo and Henry Mayo hereby promise and bind and obligate themselves and their heirs not to alienate, deteriorate or encumber the above described property situate in this Parish to the prejudice of the mortgage hereby granted thereon, which is accepted by said Alston

And here the said Henry Mayo declared that he is of lawful age and unmarried.



AND NOW TO THESE PRESENTS, PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED, Madam  
*Mary Ann Cross*, the wife of lawful age of said *Francis Mayo*  
who after having taken cognizance of the foregoing act, which I, the said Notary, carefully read and explained  
to *her* declared and said that *she* approves and ratifies the same, and that it is  
*her* wish and intention to release in favor of the said *Alston*, the *property*  
herein described, from the matrimonial, dotal, paraphernal and other rights, and from any claims, mortgages  
or privileges to which *she is or may* be entitled, whether by virtue of *her* marriage  
with *her said husband* or otherwise.

Whereupon, I the said Notary, did inform the said *Mrs Mayo*  
apart, and out of the presence and hearing of her husband,  
and before receiving her signature hereto, that by the laws of this State, the wife has the legal mortgage on  
the property of her husband: FIRST—For the restitution of her dowry, and for the re-investment of the dotal  
property sold by her husband, and which she brought in marriage, reckoning from the celebration of the  
marriage. SECONDLY—For the restitution and re-investment of the dotal property by her acquired since  
marriage, whether by succession or donation, from the day the succession was opened or the donation per-  
fected. THIRDLY—For nuptial presents. FOURTHLY—For debts by her contracted with her husband. And  
FIFTHLY—For the amount of her paraphernal property, alienated by her and received by her husband, or  
otherwise disposed of for his individual interest; that in making her intended renunciation, she would deprive  
herself irrevocably and forever, of all the rights of reclamation against the *property*  
herein described, whether under mortgage, privilege or otherwise.

And the said *Mrs Mayo* did thereupon declare unto  
me, Notary, that she was fully aware of and acquainted with the nature and extent of the matrimonial, dotal,  
paraphernal and other rights and privileges thus secured to her by law on the property of her said husband,  
and that she nevertheless did persist in her intention of renouncing, and does formally renounce, not only all  
the rights, claims and privileges hereinbefore enumerated and described, but all others, of any nature and kind  
whatever, to which she is or may be entitled by any laws now or heretofore in force in the State of Louisiana.

And the said *Francis Mayo* being now  
present, aiding and authorizing the said *Mrs Mayo* in the execution  
of these presents, *she* the said *Mrs Mayo* did again declare that *she*  
did and does hereby make a formal renunciation and relinquishment of all *her*  
said matrimonial, dotal, paraphernal and other rights, claims and privileges, in favor of said *Alston*,  
binding *herself* and *her* heirs at all times to sustain  
and acknowledge the validity of this renunciation.

Thus Done and Passed, in my Office, at NEW ORLEANS, aforesaid, in the  
presence of *James Graham*  
and *George Cenas* Witnesses,  
both of this City, who hereunto sign their names with the parties and  
me, the said Notary, the day and date aforesaid.

(Origl Signed:) *J. J. Alston* — *A. G. Lobdell* — *Mary A Mayo*  
*Francis Mayo* — *Henry Mayo* — *Geo. Cenas*  
 *Jas Graham* — *Andrew Hero Jr Not Pub.* —  
A True Copy of the Original Act (Duly stamped / on record in  
my office — New Orleans 14 February 1872. —

*Andrew Hero Jr*  
*Not Pub*



# ALSTON CHART

There is no tree greater than the family tree.

J.J. will 5 Jan 1783 Prov. 1st Aug county Halifax 1781

1. Capt. John Alston  
d. 1783 B-1730 m. 17 Mar 1760  
Lived in Halifax Co., N. C.

2. Col. Philip Alston  
d. 1799 in Ga. m. Mary Drew Temple  
Lived in Moore & Cumberland Cos., N. C.  
Mem. State Senate

3. Martha Alston  
d. 1814-15 m. James Meroney To Ga.

4. William Alston  
m. Sarah Yeargan  
Was Clk. of Ct. of Chatham Co., N. C.

CHILDREN by 2nd WIFE:

5. Willis Alston  
b. 1750 m. Elizabeth Wright  
Mem. of Constitutional Convention at Halifax, N. C., 1776

6. Henry (Harry) Alston  
m. Sarah Hill  
Lived in Warren Co. N.C.

7. Mary Alston  
b. 1756 m. William Palmer

8. Euphan Wilson Alston  
b. 1761 m. 1779 John Cooper

9. Joseph John Alston  
(Chatham lack)  
b. 1767 d. 1841  
m. Martha Kearney  
da. of Philip Kearney & Martha Alston  
Lived in Chatham Co.

1. Col. Joseph John Alston  
b. 1781 Esther Wright  
Rev. Soldier  
2. Gideon Alston 5 & Frances  
State Senator 1805-06  
3. Willis Alston 5  
Membr. of Congress 1799-1815  
4. Robert West Alston 5 1781-1851  
5. Priscilla J. Alston 5 m. Newell  
6. Ann Hunt Alston 5

1. John Alston 5 b. 1770  
2. James Alston m. Mary Wilcox 5  
3. Philip Alston  
4. Drew Alston  
5. Mary Drew Alston 5 m. Smith  
6. Fanny Meroney 7-Smith

1. Elizabeth Meroney  
2. Margaret Meroney  
3. Elizabeth Meroney  
4. Nancy Meroney  
5. Rachel Meroney  
6. Fanny Meroney  
7. Cynthia Meroney  
8. John Joseph Alston  
9. William Chancy Alston  
10. Samuel Yeargan Alston  
11. Orondates Alston  
12. Mary Ann Alston  
13. Nancy (Ann) Alston

1. Joseph John Alston  
2. James Wright Alston  
3. Henry Alston  
4. Thomas Alston  
5. Jane Alston  
6. Fannie Alston  
7. Elizabeth Alston

1. Sarah Mason Alston  
2. Elizabeth T. W. Alston  
3. Thomas Alston

1. Robert Palmer  
m. Nancy Ann Alston

1. John Batte Cooper  
2. Henry Cooper  
3. James Cooper  
4. Mary Cooper  
5. Susan Cooper  
6. Euphan Cooper

1. John Jones Alston  
2. Elizabeth K. Alston  
3. Margaret W. Alston  
4. Martha A. Alston  
5. George W. Alston  
6. Nathaniel M. Alston  
7. Emiline E. Alston  
8. Gideon Alston  
9. Robert Alston  
m. Ann Maria Alston  
10. Philip K. Alston  
11. Joseph John Alston

1. Elizabeth Kimbrough  
2. Ann Kimbrough  
3. Charity Kimbrough  
4. John Kimbrough  
5. James Kimbrough  
6. Mary Kimbrough  
7. Sarah Kimbrough  
8. Penelope Kimbrough  
9. Grizel Kimbrough

1. Lemuel James Alston  
2. Henry Alston  
3. Charity Alston

1. William Alston  
2. Philip Lewis Alston  
3. Ann Alston  
m. Alexander Stirling  
4. Solomon Alston  
5. Lucretia (Lucy) Alston  
m. (1) Ruffin Gray  
m. (2) James Perrie

1. James Alston  
2. William Hinton Alston  
3. Philip H. Alston  
4. Solomon Alston  
5. George Alston  
6. Mary Alston m. James Clark  
7. Elizabeth Alston  
8. Christian Alston  
9. Nancy Alston  
10. Sallie Alston

1. Philip Hunter  
2. Elisha Hunter  
3. Alston Hunter  
4. Ruth Hunter  
b. 1764

1. John McCoy Alston  
(possibly others)

1. Mary Jones  
2. Priscilla Jones  
3. Willis Jones  
4. Rachel Jones  
m. Ralph Banks  
5. Thomas Jones  
6. James Jones  
7. Capt. Solomon Jones

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2. James Alston Hunter  
3. Jacob Hunter  
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Was a Com'r in Bute (Warren) Co. in 1764.

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Had issue among others:

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d. 1687  
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and known by the name of Montgomery."

Additional acreage was added from Lot No. 202, Wilkeson County (now Laurens) in 1838.

## Territory Divided

Parts of Montgomery County was set to Tattnall County in 1801, 1812, 1814; to Telfair in 1812, 1820, 1933; to Laurens in 1811, 1835, 1838, 1859; to Emanuel in 1812; to Dodge in 1870; to Toombs in 1905; to Wheeler in 1912; and to Treutlen in 1917.

## Montgomery County Site

The first court was held at William Neal's house near the present town of Swainsboro. He was a prominent citizen and a large landowner. The first permanent site was Arthur Lott's plantation on the Ochopee River somewhere near Reidsville. Lott was the first tax collector for the county and also a large landowner. As the story goes, Lott later sold his holdings and started with his family to the Mississippi territory. Near where Columbus, Georgia, is now located, they encountered a group of Red Stick Indians, and Arthur Lott was killed. However, his family continued on to Mississippi.

In 1801 when Tattnall County was cut from Montgomery County, the site near Reidsville became part of the new county, Tattnall. A new site near Ebenezer Church about three miles from Covena was selected, and public buildings were erected.

However, in 1812 when Emanuel County was created, this site near Covena became part of Emanuel County. Court was then held at James Aiston's house near the present town of Mount Vernon. Act Number 130 passed by the Georgia Legislature on November 30, 1813, stated that the permanent site of the public buildings in the county of Montgomery be known and called by the name "Mount Vernon." Some early maps and Sherwood's GAZETTEER gave the name "Vernon" but that was in error. Mount Vernon has become one of the oldest county sites in the State - a period of 115 years.

The first courthouse built in Mount Vernon was located across the street from the present Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. It was a small wooden building. The second courthouse, built in 1857, was a two-story, wooden structure, painted white and located on the lot where the present courthouse now stands. In 1907 the present imposing brick courthouse was erected.

## Agriculture In 1798

A letter was written by Abner Davis. His name is shown on the tax digest in 1796. Abner Davis lived in Montgomery County. This letter was written by Davis to his uncle, Reverend Samuel Jones, Lower Dublin, Pennsylvania. At the time this letter was written, Montgomery County was one of the extreme western counties in the State.

Davis came to Montgomery County from Pennsylvania two years before he wrote this letter. He was interested in the comparison between his native state of Pennsylvania and Georgia. He discussed the soil in the various sections of the state, its degree of fertility, and its money value. Cotton was beginning to move slowly. The cotton gin was about six years old at this time.

Letter from Abner Davis, Montgomery County, Georgia in 1798 written to Rev. Samuel Jones, Lower Dublin, Pennsylvania.

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Montgomery County, Georgia

January 9, 1798

Dear Uncle,

This is the second time of my writing to you from Georgia. The first time was in Feb. '96 - have never received any answer. Perhaps mine miscarried.

Two years now I have been a residenter in Georgia - have occasionally been almost in all parts of the State and can assure you it deserves a much better name, in many respects, than it generally bears in Pennsylvania. It certainly hath many advantages of which the northern states cannot, nor never could boast.

The ease with which the soil is cultivated and the mildness of the winters are very considerable advantages.

The farmers in this country seldom think of putting more than one horse in the plough. And that frequently a small Tacky, as they call them, that may be had here for about twenty dollars, and with this Tacky and a little plough that a boy of ten years old can take on his back and carry to any part of the plantation he pleases. A man may tend as much ground, and do it as well, as he could in Pennsylvania with two or three able bodied horses. I am fully of the opinion that it don't cost the Georgians more than half, or perhaps a third, of the labour or expense, that it does the Pennsylvanians to raise the same quantity of grain.

Besides, a man's stock of horses, cows, hogs, etc., instead of requiring half his summers work to keep them alive through the winter, live here altogether in the woods and cost him nothing. And where the country is not too thickly are fat all the year, but especially in the fall and the beginning of winter. So that when a man wants to lay up his winter beef, he has only to ride into the woods and drive home one, two, or three, as he chooses from a gang of six, eight, or ten hundred, and he will have as good meat as the greater part of stall fed beef in Pennsylvania.

The quality of the soil in Georgia is various in different parts of the state. In the upper part, and adjacent to large water courses in all parts, the soil is generally black and very fertile. Will produce from 40 to 50 bushels of corn to the acre. This quality may be had now at from one to four dollars an acre.

About the middle, and from that to the lower part of the state the soil is not so rich, being for the most part what is generally called pine barren, very sandy and of a yellowish colour. Will produce from 16 to 15 bushels of corn to the acre. This quality may be had at 12½ and from that to 50 cents per acre. There is however no trouble of clearing this pine land and but very little to till it. I have seen good corn growing among the pine trees where there never had been a stick cut, nor a grubbing hoe stuck in the ground, nor even the trees decaying.

This land, tho' not strong enough to bear tobacco, which is made in the upper of the state in great quantities, will bring very good cotton, and in the lower country where the ground is wet and inclined to swamp, rice is made in great abundance.

Although Indian corn is the principal grain that is made here - owing I believe to the farmers being better acquainted with the manner of raising it than any other kind, the soil, especially in the up country produces very good wheat, rye, buckwheat, oats, barley etc. Vegetables flourish in Georgia. Sweet potatoes, squashes, cucumbers, watermelons, muskmelons, pumpkins, etc. grow very large and plentiful. Not a

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There is no tree greater than the family tree.

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Prov. Court Halifax 1781

1. Capt. John Alston  
d. 1781 B. 1730  
m. Ann Hunt Macon  
Lived in Halifax Co., N. C.

2. Col. Philip Alston  
d. 1794 in Ga.  
m. Mary Drew Temple  
Lived in Moore & Cumberland Cos., N. C.  
Mem. State Senate

3. Martha Alston  
d. 1814-15  
m. James Meroney To Ga.

4. William Alston  
m. Sarah Yeargan  
Was Clk. of Ct. of Chatham Co., N. C.

CHILDREN by 2nd WIFE:

5. Willis Alston  
b. 1750  
m. Elizabeth Wright  
Mem. of Constitutional Convention  
at Halifax, N. C., 1776

6. Henry (Harry) Alston  
m. Sarah Hill  
Lived in Warren Co., N. C.

7. Mary Alston  
b. 1756  
m. William Palmer

8. Euphan Wilson Alston  
b. 1761  
m. 1779 John Cooper

9. Joseph John Alston  
(Chatham Jack)  
b. 1767  
d. 1841  
m. Martha Kearney  
da. of Philip Kearney & Martha Alston  
Lived in Chatham Co.

1. Col. Joseph John Alston  
b. 1743 Est her wright  
Rev. Soldier  
2. Gideon Alston 5 & Frances  
State Senator 1805-06  
3. Willis Alston  
Membr. of Congress 1799-1815  
4. Robert West Alston 1781 B. 1851 E  
5. Priscilla J. Alston m. Newell  
6. Ann Hunt Alston

1. John Alston b. 1770  
2. James Alston m. Mary W. (cox) n. 7  
3. Philip Alston  
4. Drew Alston  
5. Mary Drew Alston  
6. Elizabeth Meroney  
7. Margaret Meroney  
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9. Nancy Meroney  
10. Rachel Meroney  
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12. Cynthia Meroney

1. John Joseph Alston  
2. William Chancy Alston  
3. Samuel Yeargan Alston  
4. Orondates Alston  
5. Mary Ann Alston  
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1. Robert Palmer  
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1. John Barre Cooper  
2. Henry Cooper  
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4. Mary Cooper  
5. Susan Cooper  
6. Euphan Cooper

1. John Jones Alston  
2. Elizabeth K. Alston  
3. Margaret W. Alston  
4. Martha A. Alston  
5. George W. Alston  
6. Nathaniel M. Alston  
7. Emilene E. Alston  
8. Gideon Alston  
9. Robert Alston  
m. Ann Maria Alston  
10. Philip K. Alston  
11. Joseph John Alston

1. Elizabeth Kimbrough  
2. Ann Kimbrough  
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6. Mary Kimbrough  
7. Sarah Kimbrough  
8. Penelope Kimbrough  
9. Grisel Kimbrough

1. Lemuel James Alston  
2. Henry Alston  
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1. William Alston  
2. Philip Lewis Alston  
3. Ann Alston  
m. Alexander Stirling  
4. Solomon Alston  
5. Lucretia (Lucy) Alston  
m. (1) Ruffin Gray  
m. (2) James Perrie

1. James Alston  
2. William Hinton Alston  
3. Philip H. Alston  
4. Solomon Alston  
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6. Mary Alston m. James Clark  
7. Elizabeth Alston  
8. Christian Alston  
9. Nancy Alston  
10. Sallie Alston

1. Philip Hunter  
2. Elisha Hunter  
3. Alston Hunter  
4. Ruth Hunter  
b. 1764

1. John McCoy Alston  
(possibly others)

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3. Willis Jones  
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d. s. p.  
9. Winifred Alston  
b. Nov. 28, 1764  
m. (1) Henry Hill  
m. (2) Joseph Cocke  
Lived in Warren Co.  
10. Samuel Alston  
b. 1770  
d. 1809  
m. Elizabeth Faulcon

5. John Cocke  
6. Elizabeth Cocke  
7. Winifred Cocke  
8. Collin Cocke  
9. Fannie Cocke  
10. Mary Cocke  
1. Elizabeth Alston  
2. Rebecca E. Alston  
m. James Harris Fims  
3. Caroline M. A. Alston  
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Lived in Wake Co. in 1774 but d. in  
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d. bet. 1764

1. John Alston  
2. George L. Alston  
3. Philip Alston  
4. Lemuel Alston  
d. 1818  
5. Alfred Alston  
6. Mary K. Alston  
7. Martha Alston  
8. Sarah Alston  
9. James Alston  
10. Absolom Alston  
11. Christian C. Alston

7. JAMES ALSTON

d. 1761  
m. Christian Lillington of Craven Co., N. C.  
Lived in Chowan Co., N. C. until after his  
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Orange Co., N. C. where he died.  
Was a Justice of the Peace for Chowan Co.  
1757.

3. James Alston  
b. ca. 1746-47  
d. 1815  
m. Grizel Yancey

1. Nathaniel Alston  
m. Mary Grey Jeffreys  
2. Charity Alston  
3. Sarah Alston  
m. Jos. GROVES  
g. p. of Dr. GROVES  
4. Martha Alston  
5. John Alston  
6. Hannah Alston  
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1. John Alston Dudley  
2. a da.  
m. Collier  
3. a da.  
m. Lewis  
4. a da.  
m. Moore  
By second marriage:  
5. William Cain  
6. Charity Cain  
m. Willie Person Mangum  
7. Ann Linington Cain  
8. James Alston Cain  
9. Sarah Cain  
10. Martha Cain

8. ELIZABETH ALSTON

m. Samuel Williams  
d. in what is now Halifax Co., N. C. 1753-  
54. He was b. ca. 1698, was a Justice of  
the Peace for Edgecombe Co. 1739, 46, 49

1. Col. William Williams  
m. 1746 Eliza. Whitmel (Mrs. Blount)  
b. 1717  
Mem. of Provincial Cong. at Hal. and  
the Const. Conv. there in 1776  
Lived in Martin Co., N. C.

1. Samuel Williams  
b. 1753  
m. Charity Alston Dawson  
(Ch. under mother)  
2. Elizabeth Williams  
m. John Johnson  
Bro. of Gov. Sml. Johns  
3. Gen. William Williams  
m. (2) Eliza Williams  
da. Sol. Williams

2. Capt. Salmon Williams  
d. Aug. 23, 1794  
m. Temperance Baskie  
Was a Rev. Patriot  
Lived in Warren Co., N. C.

1. Henry G. Williams  
m. Lucy Tunsell  
2. William Williams  
m. (1) Martha Person  
m. (2) Mary H. Faulstich  
4. Elizabeth Williams  
m. Gen. Tim. Williams  
5. Mary Williams  
6. Temperance B. Williams

4. Col. Jos. John Williams  
m. (1) Rosannah Connor  
m. (2) Eliza Alston  
da. of Philip Alston  
Mem. of the Prov. Cong. at Hal. in 1776  
and of House of Commons in 1777  
Lived in Halifax Co., N. C.

1. Martha Williams  
2. Joseph John Williams  
3. Henry Williams  
4. Elizabeth Williams  
5. Rosannah C. Williams  
m. Dr. Jesse N. Faulcon  
By second marriage:  
6. Winifred W. Williams  
7. Catherine Williams  
8. William Williams  
9. Elizabeth Williams

1. Edmund Kearney  
d. 1794  
m. Sarah Brothers

1. Mary Kearney  
2. Sarah Kearney  
m. James Alston  
3. James Kearney

9. SARAH ALSTON

m. Thomas Kearney  
d. in Hal. Co., N. C. in 1764. He was in  
Chowan Co. in 1731 and in Edge. (Hal.)  
Co. in 1739 when he was apt. Justice of  
the Peace. Also a Justice in 1746. In 1752  
was a member of the Assembly.

2. Philip Kearney  
d. 1794  
m. 1763 Elizabeth Kinchen  
Was a Justice of the Peace from Halifax  
Co., N. C. 1776, but d. in Warren  
Co., N. C.

1. Thomas Kearney  
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4. Martha Kearney  
5. Sarah Kearney  
6. Temperance Kearney  
7. Henry G. Kearney  
8. Priscilla Kearney  
9. Polly Dawson Kearney  
10. William K. Kearney  
m. B. H. J. Maria Alston

10. CHARITY ALSTON

d. 1764  
m. (1) Robert Hilliard  
d. ca. 1751 without issue  
m. (2) Col. John Dawson  
d. 1761  
1752-54 mem. of Assembly, 1754-61 mem.  
of the Governor's Council. He m. (1)  
Elizabeth (Thomas) Baskie, widow of  
John Baskie of Isle of Wight Co., Va.

1. Charity Alston Dawson  
b. 1756  
m. 1770  
Samuel Williams of Martin Co. (above)  
1779, 81-83 mem. of House of  
Commons, 1776 Justice of Martin  
Co.  
2. Elizabeth Dawson  
d. s. p.

1. William Williams  
2. Elizabeth W. Williams  
m. William Alston (ab)  
3. John Dawson Williams  
4. Lewis Alston Williams  
5. Charity Alston Williams  
6. Samuel Williams  
7. Sarah Dawson Williams  
8. Col. Jos. John Williams  
Mem. State Senate 1826  
9. Mary Clark Williams

3. Col. John Dawson  
b. ca. 1759  
d. Hal. Co. 1797  
m. Eliza D. Atherton  
Rep. N. Carolina in the Lee 1780-82  
& Halifax Co. 1785, 94

1. John Dawson  
2. Jesse Atherton Dawson  
Mem. House of Com.  
3. Sarah Dawson  
4. William W. Dawson  
5. Alston Dawson  
6. Charity A. Dawson  
7. John Dawson

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m. Ann Wallis  
Had issues among others:

JOHN ALSTON  
Bapt. at Felmersham, Co. Bedford, Dec. 5, 1673  
d. in Chowan Co., N. C., 1758  
m. Mary Clark and had issue:

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Was a Justice of the Peace of Edgecombe Co.

d 1805  
m (1) Sarah Kearney

1. Mary Alston  
m. ca. 1754 Benjamin Hardee  
Mem. of the Gen. Assembly from  
Wake Co. in 1773, d. 1775

2. Elizabeth Alston  
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Whitmel and his wife, Elizabeth Hunter  
Bryan, of Bertie Co., N. C.  
He lived in Warren Co., N. C.

1. Lt. Col. Wm. Alston  
b. 1747  
d. 1795  
m. in 1773 Martha  
da. of Benj. & Mary (Alston)  
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d. s. p.

5. Henry Guston Alston  
b. 1760  
d. s. p.

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7. Medicus Alston  
8. James Alston  
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9. Winifred Alston  
b. Nov. 28, 1764  
m. (1) Henry Hill  
m. (2) Joseph Cocke  
Lived in Warren Co.

10. Samuel Alston  
b. 1770  
d. 1809  
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Was a Justice of the Peace for Chowan Co.,  
1757.

3. James Alston  
b. ca. 1746-47  
d. 1815  
m. Grizel Yancey

4. Charity Alston  
m. Lt. Col. Wm. Alston  
Son of Solomon & Nancy (Hinton)  
Alston (Ch. under father)

5. Sarah Alston  
m. Sir Thomas Dudley  
Lt. in the Rev. Army  
m. (2) William Cain  
Mem. of House of Commons  
1785 & State Senate 1794-6, 1802

8. ELIZABETH ALSTON

m. Samuel Williams  
d. in what is now Halifax Co., N. C. 1755-  
54. He was b. ca. 1698, was a Justice of  
the Peace for Edgecombe Co. 1759, 16, 19

1. Col. William Williams  
m. 1746 Eliza. Whetmel (Mrs. Blount)  
b. 1717  
Mem. of Provincial Cong. at Hal. and  
the Const. Conv. there in 1776  
Lived in Martin Co., N. C.

2. Capt. Solomon Williams  
d. Aug. 23, 1794  
m. Temperance Bosdie  
Was a Rev. Patriot  
Lived in Warren Co., N. C.

3. Samuel Williams  
Information wanting

4. Col. Jos. John Williams  
m. (1) Rosannah Connor  
m. (2) Eliza. Alston  
da. of Philip Alston  
Mem. of the Prov. Cong. at Hal. in 1776  
and of House of Commons in 1777  
Lived in Halifax Co., N. C.

1. Edmund Kearney  
d. 1794  
m. Sarah Brothers

9. SARAH ALSTON

m. Thomas Kearney  
d. in Hal. Co., N. C. in 1764. He was in  
Chowan Co. in 1731 and in Edge. (Hal.)  
Co. in 1739 when he was apt. Justice of  
the Peace. Also a Justice in 1746. In 1752  
was a member of the Assembly.

2. Philip Kearney  
d. 1794  
m. 1763 Elizabeth Kinchen  
Was a Justice of the Peace from Halifax  
Co., N. C. 1776, but d. in Warren  
Co., N. C.

10. CHARITY ALSTON

d. 1764  
m. (1) Robert Hilliard  
d. ca. 1751 without issue  
m. (2) Col. John Dawson  
d. 1761  
1752-54 mem. of Assembly, 1754-61 mem  
of the Governor's Council. He m. (1)  
Elizabeth (Thomas) Bosdie, widow of  
John Bosdie of Isle of Wight Co., Va.

1. Charity Alston Dawson  
b. 1756  
m. 1770  
Samuel Williams of Martin Co. (above)  
1779, 81-83 mem. of House of  
Commons, 1776 Justice of Martin  
Co.

2. Elizabeth Dawson  
d. s. p.

1. Col. John Dawson  
b. ca. 1759  
d. Hal. Co. 1797  
m. Eliza D. Atherton  
Rep. Nampton Co. in the Leg. 1780-82  
& Halifax Co. 1787, 90

4. Nancy Alston  
5. John Cocke  
6. Elizabeth Cocke  
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da. Sol. Williams

1. Henry G. Williams  
m. Lucy Tunstall  
2. William Williams  
3. Samuel Williams  
m. (1) Martha Person  
m. (2) Mary H. Faison  
4. Elizabeth Williams  
m. Gen. Wm. Williams  
5. Mary Williams  
6. Temperance B. Williams

1. Martha Williams  
2. Joseph John Williams  
3. Henry Williams  
4. Elizabeth Williams  
5. Rosannah C. Williams  
m. Dr. Jesse N. Faulcon  
By second marriage:  
6. Winifred W. Williams  
7. Catherine Williams  
8. William Williams  
9. Elizabeth Williams

1. Mary Kearney  
2. Sarah Kearney  
m. James Alston  
3. James Kearney

1. Thomas Kearney  
2. Mary Kearney  
3. Elizabeth Kearney  
4. Martha Kearney  
5. Sarah Kearney  
6. Temperance Kearney  
7. Henry G. Kearney  
8. Priscilla Kearney  
9. Polly Dawson Kearney  
10. William K. Kearney  
m. B. H. J. Maria Alston

1. William Williams  
2. Elizabeth W. Williams  
m. William Alston (abo)  
3. John Dawson Williams  
4. Lewis Alston Williams  
5. Charity Alston Williams  
6. Samuel Williams  
7. Sarah Dawson Williams  
8. Col. Jos. John Williams  
Mem. State Senate 1826  
9. Mary Clark Williams

1. John Dawson  
2. Jesse Atherton Dawson  
Mem. House of Comm. H.  
3. Sarah Dawson  
4. William W. Dawson  
5. Alston Dawson  
6. Charity A. Dawson  
7. John Dawson

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m. Dorothy Temple at Oden in 1757  
Had issue among others:

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JOHN ALSTON  
Of Parvénham Co., Bedford  
d. 1704  
m. Ann Wallis  
Had issues among others:

JOHN ALSTON  
Bapt. at Felmersham, Co. Bedford, Dec. 5, 1673  
d. in Chowan Co., N. C., 1758  
m. Mary Clark and had issue:

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5. WILLIAM ALSTON  
d. in what is now Hal. Co., N. C. ca. 1743.  
m. Ann Kimbrough  
Was a Justice of the Peace of Edgecombe Co.

b. 1724  
d. 1805  
m. (1) Sarah Kearney

1. Mary Alston  
m. ca. 1754 Benjamin Hardee  
Mem. of the Gen. Assembly from  
Wake Co. in 1773, d. 1775

2. Elizabeth Alston  
m. 1763 Thomas Crawford  
b. 1736 in S. C.

7. Guston Alston  
8. Sarah B. Alston  
9. Charity Dawson Alston

1. Martha Hardee  
m. Lt. Col. Wm. Alston  
Son of Philip, of Warren Co.  
(children under father)

1. John Crawford  
2. William Crawford  
3. Mary Crawford  
4. David Crawford  
5. Thomas Crawford  
6. Gilly Crawford  
7. Elizabeth Crawford  
8. Hardee Crawford  
9. Nancy Crawford  
10. Sarah Crawford  
11. Martha Crawford  
b. 1784

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6. PHILIP ALSTON  
d. in Warren Co., N. C. in 1783  
m. 1746 Winifred Whitmel, da. Thomas  
Whitmel and his wife, Elizabeth Hunter  
Bryan, of Bertie Co., N. C.  
He lived in Warren Co., N. C.

1. Lt. Col. Wm. Alston  
b. 1747  
d. 1795  
m. in 1773 Martha  
da. of Benj. & Mary (Alston)  
Hardee  
1776 mem. of the Provincial Cong.  
at Halifax, & Lt. Col. of Bute  
(Warren) Co. Regiment

2. Elizabeth Alston  
m. Jos. Jno. Williams  
(Ch. under father)

3. Thomas W. Alston  
b. 1755  
m. Lucy Faulcon  
Lived in Warren Co.

4. Martha Alston  
b. 1757  
d. s. p.

5. Henry Guston Alston  
b. 1760  
d. s. p.

6. Philip G. Alston  
b. 1762  
d. 1819  
m. Mary Williams Harris  
Lived in Warren Co.

7. Philip Alston  
b. 1749  
d. s. p.

8. Mary Alston  
b. 1751  
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da. Saml. & Charity (Dawson) Williams  
4. Whitmel H. Alston  
5. Thomas Alston  
6. Samuel W. Alston  
7. Medicus Alston  
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State Senator ~~James~~ ~~Wash~~ Co. - killed 1846 by Indians on Oc mulgee R. v. (was killed)  
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Know all men by these presents  
that we Benj<sup>n</sup> Mitchell Griffin, Will<sup>m</sup> Thompson & Archibald Mc Bryde  
Mc Bryde held and firmly bound unto  
his Excellency Samuel Ashe esquire  
Governor and his successors in office  
in the full sum of Five Hundred  
pounds to what payments well and  
truly to be made we bind ourselves  
our heirs executors and Admin<sup>rs</sup>  
jointly and severally firmly by  
these presents sealed with our seals  
and dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of January  
1796 -

The Condition of the above Obligation  
is that Benj<sup>n</sup> Mitchell Griffin shall

in Mitchell Griffin hath made application  
for and obtained a license to celebrate the  
rites of Matrimony between him and Temperance  
Alston. Now if no lawful cause appear at any  
time hereafter to obstruct the said Marriage  
then this Obligation to be void otherwise  
to remain in full force and virtue

Signed sealed & delivered  
In presence of

J<sup>n</sup> Thompson

W<sup>m</sup> Thompson

Archibald Mc Bryde

Archibald Mc Bryde Friend  
of Phillip Alston

Temperance Alston d/o Phillip Alston &  
Temperance d/o Drew Smith

8 Jan 1796 Chatham Co. Marriage Bonds  
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Have you Benj. Sign?

Wm Thompson & John Thompson 2nd Land Grants in Old Wash. Co. Ga. w/ Griffiths